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Israeli Druze to be identified as Arabs

HAIFA, Israel (AFP) - Tens of thousands of Druze won the right to be identified as Arabs after a sheigh and his son set a legal secredent with an Israeli court ruling, legal officials said Monday. Sheikh Jamal Maudi and his son Fuad, from the northern Israeli village of Yarka, are members of the Druze seet, considered by brael as a national minurity separate from the Arabs and so obliged to do military service. They won their case last week in Haifa. Sheikh Maadi led a campaign with the backing of an Israeb givit rights group against the interior ministry's tetusal to change the term "Druze" which has been stamped on all official documents since 1957. A large part of the httphil-strong Druze population in Israel refer to themselves as Arabs of the Druze religion, a branch of Islam that believes in temcatnation "they all speak Arabic. Another 200000 Druze live on the Golan Heights, which Israel seized from Syria in 1967 and annexed in 1981

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Atlantis returns to Earth

CAPE CANAVERAL, Florida [AFP] - The U.S. space shuttle Atlantis returned to Earth Monday following an eight-day mission during which it docked with the Russian space station Mir. The shuttle and its five-member crew touched down at 1702 GMT at the Kennedy Space Centre landing strip. "Welcome back to Earth, congranulations to you lor the successful mission," the control centre at Cape Canaveral told the crew. The touchdown was originally scheduled for 1731 GMT. The ship blasted off for space Nov. 12. Atlantis separated from Mir early Saturday, after three days of test runs lot missions on a future space station, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration said. The flight to Mir was the second of five such planned voyages. The Iwo craft linked up Wednesday some 392 kilometres above the Earth. bringing the station a 4.5-tonne Russian-built docking module, as well as supplies, equipment and two new solar panels. The module, a five-metre-long tunnel, will be used for all the dockings with Mir to take place before the end of 1997.

Pakistan police detain 13 Egyptians for questioning

tani police have detained 13 Egyptians for questioning after Sunday's bombing at Carro's embassy in Islamahad that killed 15 people and wounded more than 60, Interior Minister Nascerullah Bahar said on Monday,

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He told Reuters that the Federal Investigation Agency (FIA) police had detained seven Egyptians at Lahore airport and six at Karachi airport on Sunday night and un Monday morning.

They are being questioned at the airports and will be allowed to leave after "screening." he said.

All of them had come to Pakistan to attend Islamic religious cunventiuns, he said. 'We don't want any terrorists to leave the country in the garb of invitees to these con-

ventions," Mr. Bahar said, "Whospever is a suspect will be detained and interrogated. We will screen them." Mr. Bahar said the detained Egyptians had

attended a convention of the right-wing Jamaat-I-Islanti party in Lahore, capital of Punjab province, un Nov. 8 and a three-day convention of the Tableeghi Jamaat (Preaching Party) at the near-by town of Raiwind last

Meanwhile, Egyptian investigators sifted through the destroyed Egyptian embassy in Islamabad Monday.

"A six-man Egyptian team is inspecting the site and looking for clues," said a Pakistani official standing outside the emhassy. At least 15 people were killed and over 60 wounded in Sunday's

They will complete their work today and we will start demolition tomorrow," said the official, who asked not to

be identified, The Egyptian investigators were part of a 15-man team sent from Cairo on Sunday to

At that time some mili-

tants, including Egyptions. Saudis and Lebanese, fled

the northwestern city of

Peshawar into nearby Afgha-

nistan, a police source said.

adding that some Arahs

could be still living in an

Afghan refugee camp east of

countries.

assist Pakistani authorities. Police sources said that Arab militants were the prime suspects. Pakistan ordered the militants to leave in 1993 after several Arab

bombing in a fax to an interstates complained that groups were using Pakistan as a base national news agency. for subversion in their home

counted the Jihad elaim, saying the group "is no longer present in Pakistan or in Afghanistan, unlike the

branch of the Gamaa and not a splinter group from it," the sources said, noting that the IJG fax called for the "immediate release" of two

Sharif Zeid condoles Sedki

AMMAN (Petra) - Prime Minister Sharif Zeid Ben Shaker Monday sent a cable of condolences to his Egyptian counterpart Atef Sedki over the victims of a bomb blast at the Egyptian embassy in Islamahad Sunday which killed 15 people and injured 60 others.

The prime minister also expressed his government's condemnation of the terrorist attack and resterated Jordan's firm and principled stand to fight terrorism in all its forms.

an extradition treaty last year but no extraditions have since been announced. In Cairu, three Islamist

groups seeking to topple Egypt's government have claimed responsibility for the attack, the bloodiest on an Egyptian target abroad for many years.

The first claim came from Gamaa Al Islamiyah (Islamic Group) and was followed by others from Jihad (Holy Struggle) and the Internalional Justice Group.

Gamaa failed in June in an attempt to kill Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak in the Ethiopian capital Addis Ababa. Mr. Mubarak has condemned the embassy bombing as un "evil crime."

Of the three groups which elaimed the bombing officials in Cairo are focusing on "the International Justice Group" as the likely culprit, security sources said Monday.

The sources, who asked not to be named, pointed out that the "the International Justice Group (IJG) was the only organisation to claim the killing (a week ago) of egypt's trade representative in Gene-

"It seems the IJG has continued its attacks against Egyptian interests abroad.

The IJG claimed Sunday's

The security source dis-

The IJG'is most likely "a Egypt and Pakistan signed Gamaa leaders.

The group called for the release of blind Sheikh Omar Ahdul Rahman, the Gamaa's spiritual leader held in a U.S. prison, and the Gamaa "spokesman" Talaat Fuad Qassem, who has vanished since being arrested by

Creatia in September. Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto has said Pakistan will pay the bill for rebuilding the emhassy in Islamahad's leafy diplomatic enclave, previously considered a secure haven

for foreigners,
Pakistan's official news
agency said the death follrose in 15 when an Egyptian
diplomat died in hospital on Sunday night.

Officials said earlier 14 people had died, including five Egyptian embassy statfers, two of them diplomats. The others included seven Pakistanis, an Afghan and a oerson of unknown national-

The interior ministry has set up an inter-ministerial inquiry committee due to report to the government within a week. Accounts varied as to ltow

the suspected suicide bomber managed to get inside the embassy compound, A smaller explosiun a mi-

nute or so before the main blast may have been a grenade hurled at guards at the gate or a decoy. 'According to the details available so far it was a terrorist act apparently perpe-

trated by a suicide homber whu may have blasted his way through the gate and set off a high explosive device in a pick-up van." Foreign Minister Aseff Ahmad Ali

Mr. Babar said the uttack cuuld have been carried out by individuals known to embassy guards.

Mr. Babar said police had found the engine and chassis of a double-cahin van they believed was used in the attack, adding: "I think we will get to the terrorists."

Pakistan has vowed to trace and punish the culprits. I hang my head in shame that we failed to provide security to the embassy." Mr. Babar told the senate (upper house) on Sunday.

The United States, France and Jordan are among other countries that have condemned the attack.

In Washington, a White House spokesman said: "The United States stands ready to work with the governments of Pakistan and Egypt to help determine those responsible for this crime and bring them



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GRATITUDE: His Royal Highness the Kingdom. The April conference decided to Crown Prince Hassan, the Regent, Monday choose Amman as the headquarters for the received at the Royal Court Dr. Khalil Abba- society in view of the Jordanian government's di, president of the Arab Society fur Phy- continued support fur physiutherapy services. siotherapy and Rehabilitation, who presented Jordan has 12 physiotherapy centres in diffeto the Regent the shield of a Jordanian Arab reat governorates and two others are being set conference un physiotherapy held in Amman up on the Dead Sea coast and in Aqaba. The last April, Dr. Abhadi paid tribute to the director of the Regent's office, Michael

Sharaa describes Peres as man who wants peace

BEIRUT (Agencies) - Syrian Foreign Minister Faruq Al Sharaa on Monday predicted progress in the deadlocked Syrian-Israeli peace talks saying Israeli Prime Minister Shimon Peres was 'a man who wants peace."

"Peres is different from Rabin in the sense that he works really for peace." Mr.Sharaa said in an interview published Monday by As Safir newspaper.

"Peres considers that peace is more important than elections," Mr. Sharaa said in reference to the Israeli polls set for November 1996. As Safir said it conducted

the interview on Saturday as U.S. envoy Dennis Ross arrived in Israel to seek ways to revive the deadlocked talks. "Peres is a man who wants

peace, comprehensive peace. and this of course is encouraging and positive but the question is wbether he will be able of achieving a comprehensive peace. Mr.

Sharaa said. Mr. Peres should continue the peace process and work "faster" than before.

"He has no other choice and no room among the (Jewish) lundamentalists who don't believe in him," Mr.

The negotiations have stalled since June when the two countries failed to make progress on security arrangements to accompany an Israeli pullout from the Golan Heights.

Israel wants to place early warning stations on the Golan, which it conquered in 1967 and annexed in 1981. but Syria prefers air surveillance. "We refused an early

warning station (on the ground) because it violates sovereignty and contradicts the principle that security should not be made at the expense of another country," Mr. Sharaa said.

"An early warning station means technically a position for troops and everything else it entails, and will allow the Israelis to go in and out as they please." he said.

Mr. Sharaa, who said Mr. Ross visited Israel to brief Mr. Peres on the negotiations with Syria because Mr. Rabin used to keep him in the dark. expected the U.S. mediation role to change.

"Clinton can speak to Peres in an influential way whereas he could not do that with Rabin who was the one who influenced the American president," he said.

Syrian and Israeli foreign ministers, which Israel is hoping for, was "not up for discussion vet. "We still don't know the

talks will continue but what we know is that we reject any step needed by Israel which does not agree with our convictions. We will give our people nothing less than full rights, sovereignty and digni-

Mr. Sharaa also defended earlier statements that Mr. Rabin's death opened a window of opportunity, which triggered much criticism in

No one rejoices in death. Even if someone who is not liked ... dies, people remember his good deeds and forget the rest," he said. "Sometimes enemies meet

one unother at a crossroads of mutual interest and this is what is happening today. There is a chance in Israel to make progress towards peace," he added.

Syria will play its role to persuade Lebanese guerrillas to lay down their arms after peace is signed and Israeli troops leave Lebanon, Mr.

(Continued on page 7) Peres reiterates Israel's

Queen Elizabeth hosts King Hussein, Queen Noor

LONDON (Petra) - Their Majesties King Hussein and Queen Noor were Monday the guests of honour at a luncheon hosted by Oueen Elizabeth at Buckingham Palace to celebrate King Hussein's 60th birthday. The lunch was attended by Her Royal Highness Princess Sarvath, Queen Elizabeth's husband Prince Philip, the prince of Wales, Prince Charles, Prince Edward, the Duchess of Kent as well as British Prime Minister John Major and Mrs. Major.

Bosnia talks inch on

DAYTON (Agencies) -The United States set aside a Monday deadline and continued Bosnia peace talks on an "hour by hour" basis here because negotiators believe it is worth the effun, an American official said.

We'll take it hour by hour at this point," said the official, who briefed reporters on condition of anonymity. He said it was unclear if Secretary of State Warren Christopher, who intervened urgently in the negotiations on Saturday, would return to Washington, D.C. from Day-

ton on Monday as planned. The official, who is considered authoritative, did not rule out a partial peace agreement in case the Bosnian rivals — Muslims, Serbs and Croats — cannot achieve the comprehensive plan the United States is seeking. But "it is not what we're trying to get" and the elements of a comprehensive deal are there

to be agreed upon, he said. The United States on Saturday set a 10:00 a.m. EST (1500 GMT) deadline by which it said the Balkan leaders negotiating at Wright-Patterson Air Force base here must make the choice for peace or continued war.

But employing a baseball analogy, the official said that after 22½ hours of straight negonating that ended early on Monday, the talks had gone into extra innings (and) we're just going to take it hour by hour" with no set deadline.

While acknowledging he could not cite any progress in those negotiations, the official said of the Balkan rivals: We want to let them give it their best shot. If we thought that there was no possibility of moving forward we would have packed our bags...'

Meanwhile, amid signs of growing pessimism with the talks, White House spokesman Michael McCurry said President Bill Clinton was standing by and was ready to travel to Ohio if necessary to 'help conclude a settleof play in the marathon talks which have deadlocked over how Bosnia is to be partitioned between the Muslim-Cruat federation and the

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Serbs. They could go on until late in the day Monday, a senior administration official said in Washington.

But they would not go on beyond then as both Bosnian President Alija Izetbegovic and his Serbian counterpart. Slobodoan Milosevic, had announced they intended to leave in the evening, he

added. Mr. Christopher, who returned early from Japan to mediate in the talks over the weekend, kept negotiations going overnight until 5:30 a.m. (1030 GMT) Monday, State Department officials

said here. There was no report of progress when the talks were suspended to allow participants to rest for three hours. but the fact that negotiations then resumed indicated that the United States was still hopeful of achieving a break-

through. On Sunday, State Department spokesman Nieholas Burns issued an ultimatum to the Balkan leaders, saying the time for talk had ended and they now had to make or

The talks, he said, would end at the latest Monday at dawn and a media "event' would then be held, either to initial a peace accord or to explain the reasons for the conference failure.

But the deadline came and; went with no indication of when a decision might be

A State Department official said only that the Bosnian and Serbian presidents. along with Croatian counterpart Franjo Tudiman, who returned to the talks Sunday night, had "not yet reached. agreement on the core. issues," involving exchange: of territory.

said an agreement had been . virtually finalised Sunday but was called into question when

200 engineers stage march to 'protest against minority rule'

By Sa'eda Kilani Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — More than 200 engineers, proclaiming to represent the "silent majority," staged a march on Monday protesting against the "minority's abuse of power" and calling for the enactment of laws that would guarantee the separation of politics from work in the professional

associations. The professional associations have been at loggerheads with the government mainly over peace with Israel but also over domestic issues. The writers, doctors, lawyers and engineers associations have since Jordan signed peace with Israel threatened their members of dismissal if they normalised relations with Israel. The law gives them the authority to do so. A number of members have so far been dismissed or had the membership frozen.

His Majesty King Hussein has called twice in the past two weeks on the "silent majority" to come out and express its support for peace.

The King also called on the associations to "leave politics for politicians." He instructed the government to ask the Higher Council for the Interpretation of the

Constitution" to rule on the legality of the authority praeticed by the associations.

The engineers' march, which kicked off from the Professional Associations Complex in Shmeisani and headed for the Prime Ministry at the Fourth Circle, was decided after a group gathered earlier at the complex to take action against what they described as the continuous violations of the rights of majority of members

of the Engineers Association. They said they wanted to preserve their rights and their professional gains and that they were sure that the government would listen to their demands. Today, they are expected to hand in a statement to Prime Minister Sharif Zeid Ben Shaker.

The Engineers Association, which boosts a membership of 12,000, is headed by independent Islamist Leith Shubeilat, and avowed opponents of peace with Israel.

In his speech to senior. police and intelligence officers on Nov. 10, the King said: Concerning our unions and the sheikhs of our associations: Do they act constitu-

tionally?" The government maintains that professional associations should limit their work to the affairs of their professions and leave politics to the representative of the people at Parliament.

The prime minister, Sharif Zeid, has described the attitude of "peace opponents" in a recent interview as "unjust The prime minister said his

government would not take any action against the unions that might harm union members. "Most of the members are decent people. We are not going to inflict on them any financial damage or loss. We are going to maintain their benefits," he said.

"We appeal to all concerned authorities to respond to the demands made by silent majority," read a statement signed by the more than 200 engineers who attended the gathering at the Shmeisani complex. There is a need for "the enactment of the appropriate legislations in order to guarantee the rights of the association members and to rectify the march of professional associations so as to prevent their deviation

early 1980s some attempts by a handful of people aimed (Continued on page 7)

"We have noticed since the

from the right path."

commitment to peace BRUSSELS (Agencies) — Shimon Peres, the interim Israeli prime minister, on in Europe."

Monday strongly reiterated his country's cummitment to the peace process and hailed a new association agreement with the European Union (EU) as an important contribution to stability in the Middle East.

With the assassination of Yitzhak Rabin, Israel had lost its "captain for peace," Mr. Peres told a press conference after the signing of the new accord, one of a new wave of partnership accords with which the EU is seeking to deepen economic and political ties to its Mediterranean

"But we have and we shall

continue." Nobody had forced Israel to the negotiating table, he reminded the audience. "We did it because we don't want to dominate another people against their wish. It was a pure moral choice."

Mr. Percs went on to underline the importance of economic development in the region — an objective which the EU's new Euro-Mediterranean strategy encompasses.

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the region as a whole into the kind of community you have

The economic development of the regime was also vital to the success of Palestinian auronomy in the West Bank and Gaza, Mr. Peres said. "Once we no longer dominate another people we hope that poverty will not

replace us in domination." Spanish Foreign Minister Javier Solana echoed Mr. Peres' comments, calling the new deal "a major contribution to building up a Euro-Mediterranean area based on peace, stability and prosper-

Mr. Petes also reiterated Israel's desire to make peace with Syria although he admitted that Damascus' failure to deliver condolences on the death of Mr. Rabin had been a setback.

"If it does not have a diplomatic consideration, there is at least a human consideration," Mr. Peres said, adding that Palestinian grief at Rabin's death had "done so much more in favour of peace than any declaration." The association accord

with Israel is the second of its kind to be signed by the EU following a similar deal with Tunisia earlier this year. An al. The next step is to cement accord with Morocco was in-

Ross briefs Peres

U.S. envoy Dennis Ross talked Mr. Peres through the labyrinth of the stalemated Israeli-Syrian peace talks. The two men met late Sunday for three hours of inten-

sive talks, after signals from

Syria that it was ready to

resume the negotiations

which ground to a halt five months ago. The U.S. State Departmen: Middle East coordinator "immersed" Mr. Peres in all the details of the on-off negotiations, following the assassination of Nov. 4 of Mr. Rabin, the Jerusalem Post

reported. A senior U.S. official told the paper: "Until now Peres was briefed by Rabin but not immersed. This is why such talks are necessary."

The only way for Mr. Peres to judge how to proceed with Damascus was to be exposed to every detail of the talks, he In a change of direction

from Mr. Rabin's leadership.

Mr. Peres has said he wants

to discuss the full range of

issues surrounding an eventual peace treaty. (Continued on page 7)

A source close to the talks Mr. Clinton was being regularly briefed by officials at (Continued on page 7) this military base on the state League to contest

U.S. Congress stand

CAIRO (AFP) — Arab states will present to the U.N. a draft resolution underlining that East Jerusalem is Israeli-occupied territory in response to a U.S. Congress decision to move the U.S. embassy to the holy city, the Arab League said Monday.

League head Esmat Abdul Meguid has asked the pan-Arab body's mission to the UN General Assembly to submit the draft "reaffirming that East Jerusalem is part of the Arab territory occupied by Israel in 1967," a League official said.

League deputy Secretary General for Palestinian Affairs Said Kamal told the press that the draft confirms that U.N. Resolution 242 applies to the city's eastern sec-

Security Council Resolution 242, passed in 1967, calls on Israel to withdraw from the territories occupied during the war.

Other possible Arab responses to the U.S. Congress decision, such as "an Arab mini-summit or an emergency meeting of Arab foreign ministers, depends on the results of the U.N. General Assembly's discussion of

on Jerusalem at U.N. Jerusalem beginning Nov. 29," Mr. Kamal said.

Mr. Abdul Meguid said last week that the Arab countries would make a diploma-. tic offensive at the U.N. against the US Congress decision in late October to move the American embassy in Israel from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem by May 1999.

The Palestinian Authority has called for an emergency ministerial meeting at the league headquarters in Cairo, but Palestinian finance "minister" Mohammad Nashashibi has said such a session requires "more consultations.

Israel annexed east Jerusalem soon after occupying it in 1962 declaring the holy city its unified capital. But the international community has never recognised the annexation and only two nations have moved their embassies to Jerusalem.

The Palestinians want east Jerusalem as the capital of a future state.

Jerusalem's status is to be discussed by Palestinian and Israeli negotiators in finalstatus talks concerning the Palestinian territories due to

FIS ready to talk to Zeroual

PARIS (Agencies) — Algeria's outlawed Islamic Salvation Front (FIS) said on Monday it was prepared to dis-cuss with President Liamine Zeroual a peaceful settlement to the country's bloody civil strife.

Five days after Mr. Zeroual was elected president, exiled FIS leader in Europe Rabah Kebir said in a wnnen interview with Reuters the FIS regarded him as the de facto power but added: Mr. Zeroual is certainly a valid negotiator to lead the talks on the side of the effecrive power.

"FIS is ready for a global solution negotiated between the effective power and opposition, a solution that could lead to peace and sta-bility." Mr. Kebir said.

He demanded that Mr. Zeroual release political prisoners, including FIS leaders, so that all parties could consult their leaders and mili-

Mr. Kebir, who lives in Germany, said it was too early for the FIS to disclose its negotiating proposals. "FIS proposals will be the result of consultations between its executive and mili-

Mr. Zeroual was elected president last Thursday with an official 61.3 per cent of the vote in the first poll since a cancelled 1992 general election that the FIS was poised to win. About 50,000 people have since been killed in civil strife in Algeria.

Opposition leader escapes assassination

Algerian opposition leader Khaled Bensmain, head of the Movement for Democracy in Algeria (MDA), survived an assassination attempt over the weekend, his party said Monday in a statément.

An unidentified man opened fire Saturday on Bensmain while he was visiting the house of his father. who had just died, at Theniet El Had in the Tissemsilt region, 100 kilometres southwest of Algiers, the statement said.

A party official told AFP that Bensmain escaped un-

The MDA of former president Ahmad Ben Bella is one of the eight signatories to a "national contract," signed in Rome in January, by opposinon groups which backed a boycott of Thursday's polls.

The coalition — which also includes the banned FIS and Socialist Forces Front (FFS) - also wants to set up a transition government, including members of the opposition, to prepare for free elections.

Embarek Mahiou, the FFS's national finance secretary, was murdered in Algiers along with his cousin Farid

"Those who are nostalgic for violence are benefitting from total impunity," MDA statement said.

'The political militants cannot let themselves be taken one by one, and be eliminated physically, without denouncing the incompetence of the authorities, the only ones empowered to guarantee the defence of people and their goods," the statement said.

Meanwhile, Algerian security forces have foiled a series of attacks by the ultraradical Armed Islamic Group (GIA) on Algeria's power unlities to disrupt the presidential elections, the independent daily El Watan said.

However, power supplies were sabotaged in the regions of Tiaret, Blida and Bejaia, forcing voting centres to delay their opening until around midday, the newspaper re-

"From a reliable source, it appears that several days before Nov. 16, GIA statements issued a call to sabotage a maximum of electrical installations throughout the territory. These were intercepted in certain towns," the newspaper said.

The terrorists counted on gaining entry to the power stations to sabotage," said El Watan, adding that several arrests took place.

Thursday's presidential polls, which took place under, massive army security, were marred only by several iso-lated attempts by armed Islamic groups.

Kurdish conflict can be resolved through federations—PKK

DUBAI (AFP) - The entire is also known as Apo. Kurdish conflict can be resolved if Turkey, Iraq and Iran agree to federations granting Kurds some control over their own affairs, the leader of Turkish Kurd separatists said in an interview on

"The Kurdish question can be resolved by establishing federal systems in Turkey, Irao and Iran within a global federal framework in the Middle East," Kurdish Labour Party (PKK) leader Abdullah Ocalan told Al Havat newspaper.

Mr. Ocalan omitted to mention Syria, which also has a Kurdish minority and con-trols the Bekaa Valley in eastern Lebanon where PKK fighters receive training and where the interview was carried out.

The Marxist-Leninist PKK has been waging war against the central government in Turkey since 1984 "because the government rejects the establishment of a Kurdish entity in the country's south," said Mr. Ocalan, who

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"The existence of a Kurdish entity in northern Iraq within an Iraqi federation is a solution which is as good for Baghdad as it for the (Iraqi) Kurds," Mr. Ocalan told the Arabic-language daily distri-buted in Dubai.

"Federalism is also a solution for the Iranians," Mr. Ocalan said. "Without federalism, Iran will not be able to play a role in the region." Mr. Ocalan also said the PKK was- ready to "put down weapons if the United States and Europe take the initiative to find a peaceful settlement to the Kurdish question in Turkey, under a federation inside the country's borders."

On Oct. 20, Mr Ocalan said in a letter to U.S. President Bill Clinton that the PKK was not necessarily seeking to secede from Tur-

"We are ready to examine any solution which will protect our identity, including federal arrangements like those in the United States," he said in the letter also published by Al Hayat.

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leads a French hodyguard (left) of Prince Turki Ben Abdul Aziz, the borther of Saudi King Fahd, to his cell in a Cairo courthouse Sunday. The Frenchman, identified only as Bernard, and an

American bodyguard were arrested for allegedly severely beating up two Egyptians at the hotel where the prince has been living for almost four vears (AFP photo)

Big Bird to help cross divide

between Israelis, **Palestinians**

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (AFP) — U.S. President Bill Clinton has backed plans for a bi-lingual series of television favourite "Sesame Street" to help break down barriers between Israeli and Palestinian children, organisers said Monday.

Mr. Clinton called the U.S.-Israeli-Palestinian project "a bold venture" to foster "mutual understanding necessary for Israeli and Palestinian youth to over-come the differences that have divided their parents and grandparents for so many years." a statement faxed to

The \$4.5 million project is being put together by the U.S. Children's Television tional Television and a Palestinian organisation, the Jerusalem Film Institute.

The producers hope that 65 episodes will be screened in 1997 in Israel, the West Bank

and Gaza Strip. Executive producer Dolly Wolbrum said the "values of tolerance and recognition for the similarities and differences of both sides... are the basis of the peace process and reflect the values that the series will teach Palestinian and Israeli children alike."

Israeli official: Two weekly Doha-Tel Aviv flights soon

TEL AVIV (AFP) - Israel and Qatar have agreed in principle an unprecedented deal for the first flights between the Jewish state and a

Gulf Arab country, an offi-cial said Monday. The director of civil avia-tion Menahem Sharon told AFP that the two countries had reached an "unerstanding" in talks in Qatar for two weekly round-trip charter flights between Doha and Tel Aviv in the coming weeks. But it had not yet been

signed because of outstanding "technical problems."
"We decided two things, to establish some beginnings of aviation links and basic rights

such as using our airports for emergencies and for humanitarian reasons," he said. "Then we also decided on

two weekly flights from Doha to Tel Aviv for pilgrims wanting to visit the Holy Land," State radio said Monday that Saudi Arabia had agreed to allow Qatari planes heading for Tel Aviv to cross its air space.

Israel is hoping its flights will win a similar authorisation in the future. Qatar also has to find a third country to represent its

interests in Israel as the two countries do not have diplomatic relations. Mr. Sharon said the fore-

were trying to work out problems surrounding passports and visas for passengers from the Gulf Arab countries with which Israel has no ties. "The traffic will be from

ign and interior ministeries

the Gulf area to the Holy Land, but we have to come to some arrangement about entering and passports and But he said he could not

give "a commitment" when the flights would start before the problems were solved. Most of the passengers would be pilgrims, he said, but did not rule out the arrival of others such as business-

Iran, UAE foreign ministers may meet in Qatar on island dispute that its sovereignly over the

TEHRAN (AFP) — The foreign ministers of Iran and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) may meet soon in **Vatar to resume talks on the** three disputed Gulf islands, the official IRNA news agency said Monday.

Iranian and UAE experts are currently bolding talks on the strategic islands of Abu Musa, Greater Tunb and Lesser Tunb in Qatar's capital, Doba, in the first such negotiations since September 1992 when a session in the UAE broke up without agreement.

The meeting, which started Saturday, is to set an agenda

for an "upcoming meeting" between Iran's Ali Akbar Velayati and UAE's Sheikh Hamdan Ben Zayed Al Nahvan in Doha, IRNA said. Iran had been insisting until now for a meeting in Tehran in return for the last one held in Abu Dhabi three years ago.

Abu Dhabi has demanded a comprehensive negotiation on all three islands, while Tehran is ready to discuss orly Abu Musa, which had been jointly administered by the two countries until dispute erupted in 1992 after the UAE accused Iran of trying to annex the island.

three islands, at the entrance to the Gulf through which one-fifth of the world's crude able but has called for bilateral talks to remove "misunderstandings." Iran took over the islands

in 1971 before the UAE was

The Iranian daily Akhbar on Monday described as a "gesture of goodwill" Iran's acceptance to hold the talks in Doba rather than Tehran. It however, urged UAE

leaders to "clarify their position and their objectives" before Mr. Velayatí decides to Iran has so far maintained make a trip to Doha.

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trought petore less intro BAGHDAD (AFP) — Iraq's Parliamentary Speaker Saadi Mahdi Saleh died in an Amman hospital on Sunday after whis successor. (2) which were the the struggling for several months against an incurable illness, the news agency INA and Jordanian officials said. Mr. Saleh, in his 50s, was speaker of the parliament for the past six years and a leader of the Baath Party which has ruled Iraq since 1968. He was hospitalised in Jordan more than six months ago, suffering from an "incurable illness," INA said, without specifying the exact nature of his ailment. Jordanian officials said he died the same day at Al Hussein Medical Centre in Amman and his coffin draped with an Iraqi flag was repatriated after a ceremony in which MPs took part. Paying tribute. INA said Mr. Saleh's death was "an enormous loss of a great Iraqi leader who was faithful to the principles of the party." In mid-October, Mr. Saleh sent a message of congratulations from hospital in Amman to President Saddam Hussein who won another seven years in power in a nationwide referendum. Saddam has often praised the speaker as a "militant who is sincere and faithful to the principles of the Baath Party."

'Peres should use doubles'

HAIFA, Israel (AFP) — Israeli Prime Minister Shimon Peres should use doubles — like Iraqi President Saddam Hussein — to thwart attacks on his life, the head of a privare security firm said in a letter published Monday. Solo Leibovitch wrote to the cabinet office saying "this subterfuge could be extended to most government ministers to avoid any more murders." following the assassina-tion of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin on Nov. 4. "These doubles could be guarded by security agents like the real members of the government." the letter published in Yediot Aharonot newspaper said. Mr. Leibovitch recalled that the late president of the Philippines, Ferdinand Marcos, foiled several attempts on his life by using at least 10 doubles. Saddam and his eldest son Uday Hussein also

Russia to expand role in territories

CAIRO (AFP) - Russia aims to increase its role in the Palestinian territories after the extension of self-rule is completed there, its ambassador to Cairo, Vladimir Goudev, said on Monday, "Russia is eager to enlarge its activities in the autonomous regions through its representa-tion bureau in Gaza after the spread of self-rule to the cities and villages of the West Bank," he said. Mr. Goudev made the comments to journalits after meeting Arab League Deputy Secretary General Said Kamal. Under accords signed by Israel and the PLO in Washington on Sept. 28, Israel will end its occupation of six West Bank towns by the end of the year to allow the Palestinian authority to take control. "Russia could increase the number of personnel at its representation bureau in Gaza" after the Israeli redeployment is completed, a Russian diplomatic source said. Mr. Goudev also underlined the importance of promoting Arab investment in Russia to strengthen Russo-Arab ties." Mr. Kamal stressed the need for Russia "to continue the role it has taken as co-sponsor of the Arab-Israeli peace process" along with the United States.

League ready to oversee more elections

CAÍRO (AFP) — The Arab League said Monday it was prepared to oversee more elections in the Arab World after its "successful" observation mission to Algeria's presidential vote last week. "We are ready to respond to any Arab" country's request for the league's participation in observing its elections." league Secretary General Esmat Abdul Meguid told the press. Dr. Abdul Meguid praised as a "successful experience" the league's 34-member mission to oversee Algeria's elections on Thursday in which President Liamine Zeroual was reelected for a five-year term. The head of the league mission. Deputy General Ali Abdul Karim, said the vote went "in a democratic and completely legal way." "No violations occurred and there was a determination by the Algerian people to escape the situation they are in and to send a clear message that they want stability." Mr. Abdul Karim said. The Algeria mission was the league's second and largest ever election observation team. The first was a four-member team that oversaw elections in Diibouti in 1993.

Cholera kills 5 in northern Iraq

DUBAI (AFP) — Five people have died from cholera and more than 400 others have been stricken with it since the disease broke out earlier this month in Kurdish-held northern Iraq. U.N. officials said Monday. Cities hit by the discase include Halabja in the southeast of Kurdistan as well as Sulaymaniya in the east and Hadshi Omran along the northern border. U.N. and other officials said. The Iranians have closed the border at Hadhsi Omran to prevent the disease from entering Iran, a Kurdish health official in Erbil, Majeed Hamad Ameen, told AFP. The first case was reported 11 days ago near Halabja, where thousands of people died already." Mr. Ameen said. A U.N. official who had more up-to-date figures through his network said that a total of five people had died from the disease. Mr. Ameen feared that the cholera would continue to spread if the weather did not cool soon. "We don't even have enough medicine to treat the existing cases." An official with the World Health Organisation (WHO) said most of the estimated 100 people infected with cholera in Sulaymaniyah are students. "They got the disease because they're used to eating from small food stalls on the road." he said, asking not to be named. In Baghdad, U.N. coordinator Mohammad Jezarri said a WHO expert was expected in northern Iraq in the next few days to take the "necessary steps against cholera."

Jewish group complains to Mubarak of 'anti-Semitic Egyptian newspapers'

CAIRO (R) — An American Jewish group complained to Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak on Monday over what it called crude and intense anti-Semitism in the Cairo press.

The Anti-Defamation League (ADL) said Egyptian papers frequently used "anti-Semitic stereotypes reminiscert of Nazi propaganda" to criticise Israel, despite 16 years of peace between the two countries.

'We shared with the president our concern as Jews as to the nature of anti-Semitic

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writings and caricatures and cartoons in this country, ADL Director Abraham Foxman told reporters after meeting Mr. Mubarak. Mr. Foxman has led a

seven-member ADL delegation on a tour of the Middle East since the Nov. 4 assassination of Isracli Prime Miraster Yitzhak Rabin. Mr. Foxman said the group

had found little difference between the Egyptian government press and Islamic opposition papers in their treatment of Jews. He said the pro-Islamist Al

"spreading diseases and injecting Palestinian detainees with AIDS-infected blood, while in Al Ahram, the government press, editorials de-scribe Jews as "forgers," murderers of the prophets and guilty of all evil and malice.

In an official report handed to Mr. Mubarak, the ADL said: "It is clear that President Mubarak has at best taken a hands-off policy towards this issue." But Mr. Foxman told re-

porters Mr. Mubarak asked

Shaab paper accused Jews of him at the meeting to declare publicly that he totally rejected anti-Semitism. "We walked away with his

(Mubarak's) affirmation and his strong condemnation of anti-Semitism whether it be abroad or in this country," he said.

Egyptian reporters de-fended some of their colleagues cited in the ADL report and a heated row broke out when one journalist said the articles and cartoons were not anti-Semitic

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had met the Crown

Prince during several

seminars co-organised by

the Konrad Adenauer

Foundation. During the

meeting, which was also attended by Ali Oumlil,

Secretary General of the

Arab Thought Forum,

the close collaboration

between the Konrad Ade-

naver Foundation and the

ATF was discussed (Photo

By Lola Keilani

Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — The Jordanian

National Comminee for

Women (JNCW), headed

by Her Royal Highness

Princess Basma, will focus

its future work on the

National Strategy for

Women which was charted

in September 1993, and the

platform of action for the

Fourth World Conference

on Women, held in Beijing

in September this year in

accordance with Jordan's

Nusseir, a committee mem-

"Increasing women's

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The second-term commit-

tee includes Minister of

Justice Hisham Tal, and

AMMAN (Petra) — The Ministry of Public Works

and Housing is introducing regulations aimed to allow

the private sector to con-

tribute to the housing sector

through building enterpris-

es that meet the needs of

low income groups, Minis-

ter of Public Works Abdul

Razzak Ensour said Mon-

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Housing and Urban Devel-

(HUDD) will continue con-

structing housing units suit-

able for the low income

groups in different regions

in cooperation with local

municipal councils, the

minister said at the opening

of a workshop on technolo-

In order to encourage pri-

vate sector contribution the

ministry is modernising and

amending laws on tand

divisions enabling investors

to use plots of land smaller

in size than the present for

the benefit of the majority

of people of Jordan, accord-

ing to the minister.

The minister said that the

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AMMAN (Petra) — Judges from France and Jordan

Monday opened a four-day

roundtable meeting in

Amman to discuss 12 topics

related to judicial systems

At the Jordanian Judicial

Institute, where the meet-

ings will be held, Justice

Minister Hisham Tell said

that in addition to discus-

sions on certain topics

already contained in six

working papers. Jordanian

judges will familiarise

themselves with the French

judicial system and will

brief the French side on the

Jordanian independent

judicial system and the role

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The French side will also be given information on the role played by the Higher Conneil for the Interpretation of the Jordanian Constitution and cases that are

and other institutions. Miffeh Oudah, the institute director, told the meeting that the discussions are within the framework of a 1990 agreement signed by the Jordanian institute and its French counterpart. The agreement provided for cooperation in training judges exchanging expertise in judiciary matters and in enhancing the concepts of democracy and respect

of human rights. During the first session, following the opening, the French side presented a working paper on European judicial systems and the protection of human rights. The paper outlined judicial systems in Europe and their provisions on protecting the independence of the judiciary and safeguarding

human rights.

views on judicial systems referred to it by parliament

their content from the same ary 1995.

Minister of Public Works and Housing Abdul Razzak Ensour Monday addresses the opening of a workshop on technologies of low cost huilding to encourage the private sector to contribute to the scheme (Petra photo)

huying land for housing

projects.

The ministry is hoping to crease a situation whereby citizens will be able to build their homes within their own means.

giving attention in the use of low cost building materi-

Committee to focus on National Strategy for Women

ent sectors that we have

been dealing with for the

last two years," she added.

The achievements of the

previous committee was

amending some of the laws

concerning women's legal

status and organising work-

shops which increased

women's participation in

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"The Landlord and Ten-

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The committee along

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studied the legal status of

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Director Hiyam Kalimat.

representatives from the

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the Judiciary Committee of

the Lower House of Parlia-

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committees around the

Ringdom. It also includes

representatives from acade-

mia, Queen Alia Fund for

(QAF), Noor Al Hussein

Foundation (NHF) and the

General Federation of Jor-

The committee aims to

follow up and evaluate the

implementations of pro-

grammes that were

designed to incorporate

women in the economic,

political and social devel-

opment process in the

country, said Mrs. Nusseir.

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Ministry seeks to encourage private sector

participation in low-cost housing schemes

danian Women (GFJW).

Development

To help build more homes required for the everincreasing population, the concerned authorities are

land prevents people from als in order to enable people to huild good quality homes at the lowest possi-

ble cost, the minister said. Rawhi Sharif of the Jordanian Engineers' Association (JEA) which is organising the workshop presented a working paper on the reduction of the cost of

Reducing the cost of building should not be at said. He suggested huilding smaller windows to reduce cost.

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addressed were amended,

Workshops aimed at

increasing women's polin-

cal participation were joint-

ly organised by the commit-

tee, the British Conneil and

the Canadian government,

on ways to deal with the

press, how to lobby and

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phlets, said Rand Hindawi,

director of the QAF's

We set up support

groups in the different gov-

emorates of Jordan, from

which Princess Basma rec-

ommended 99 women

members be appointed to

local municipal councils

until last July's elections.

At election time, 10 women

were voted into office,"

said Ms. Hindawi.

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Ms Kalimat added.

One can build housing units from cheap but strong and reliable materials and create smaller areas, said Dr. Sharif. In his working paper

Mahdi Tuffaha outlined the housing situation in Jordan and said the country was in need of no less than 32,000 the expense of quality, he housing units annually.

Jordan outlines West Bank educational broadcast plan

AMMAN (Petra) — Jordan has taken part in the 52nd meeting of a committee responsible for transmitting educational programmes to school students of the occupied Arab territories

ihrough radio and televi-The head of a Jordanian delegation to Cairo, Yousef Arrabi, said he presented an outline of Jordanian programmes which are broadeast over radio and television to West Bank students. These programmes derive

textbooks that Jordanian school students use, he said Mr. Arrabi said his delegation explained details of the agreement concluded by Jordan and the Palestine National Authority (PNA) which was signed in Janu-

The agreement provides for Palestinian schools to continue using Jordanian textbooks and educational syllabi until the PNA has prepared its own syllabi for Palestinian schools, he

The meeting was held at the Arab League headquarters in Cairo and was attended by delegates from Egypt, Syria, Lehanon, and Jordan in addition to the Arah League Educational Scientific and Cultural

Organisation. The delegates presented their countries' plans for educational programmes directed towards West Bank students and discussed financial and technical matters related to the issues. They also discussed a memorandum by the Arab Broadeasting Union on giving training to producers, directors and supervisors of these educational programmes at the union's training centre in Damas-

cus next year.

Business team returns upbeat from trade talks in self-rule areas

By Samir Barhoum Jurdan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN - The head of a Jordanian business delegation which visited the West Bank and Gaza Strip recently described the visit as extremely successful but criticised obstacles placed by Israel in the face of Jordanian-Palestinian trade exchange.

Kamal Kakish, the vice-chairman of the board of directors of the Jordan Trade Association, which organised the Nov. 10-16 visit in conjunction with the Jerusalem-based Palestinian Trade Promotion Corporation, said the 27-member delegation, the first such team to visit the Palestinian territories since 1967. held talks with Palestinian officials and businessmen on means of enhancing hilateral cooperation and prospects of launching joint

Speaking at a press con-ference Monday at the association's premises in Amman, Mr. Kakish said the delegation and the Palestinian corporation signed a memorandum of understanding aimed at enhancing business ties and coordination in serving the goals of the two establishments as well as Jordanian

and Palestinian interests. One of the most important topics under discussion between Jordanian and Palestinian businessmen, according to Mr. Kakish, was the need to establish a free zone area near the King Hussein Bridge linking Jor-

dan with the West Bank. He said such a zone, which he stressed would facilitate trade exchange between the two countries hy enabling business people to store their merchandise without having to pay tariffs and customs duties, might be established in mid-1996.

Mr. Kakish said that the two sides underscored the importance of coordination among private sector representatives of the two sides when launching industrial projects to avoid establishing industries which exist in any of the two countries. The two sides, he added, also called for removing obstacles placed by Israel on crossing points between Jordan and the Palestinian territories.

"Israel, of course, has an interest in keeping these obstacles," he asserted. adding that the private sector will pressure the Jordanian government to negotiate means of removing these obstacles with Israel.

"As an exporter, I face obstacles when sending merchandise across the hridge. One of my shipments, for example, was delayed for some time at the bridge by the Israeli authorities, which caused me to incur additional costs, thus raising the prices of my merchandise and making my products uncompetitive against similar Israeli ones," said Mr. Kakish.

War between us now has become economic, not military, and maybe this is natural after 27 years of occupation. We should now devise means to overcome these obstacles," he added, noting that Jordan's exports to the Palestinian territories during the past four months totalled JD 19 million, against imports of about JD

14 million. He said for the first time since the Israeli occupation, the trade balance between the two sides is now in favour of Jordan.

commodities in the territo-

According to Mr. Kakish, Jordanian husinessmen currently sell heaters, gas cookers, ladders, electric appliances and other items in the territories.

Mr. Kakish said Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat, who met the delegation members in Gaza, urged Jordanian and Palestinian husinessmen to break harriers created by Israel on crossing points in order to increase the Jordanian-Palestinian trade exchange.

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He said the Kingdom's exports to the territories were expected to increase as more items are being added to the list of commodities that can be imported by the Palestinians, and said Jordanian ries are in high demand.

Mr. Kakish said the Pales-

tinian leader reaffirmed the

ian-Palestinian relations and highlighted the role of the private sector in enhancing these relations and achieving the aspirations of "the twin peoples." Mr. Kakish said members

of the delegation were upbeat about the visit and its outcome, but noted that was premature to talk about any business deals signed during the visit. which aimed to establish joint ventures, market Jordanian and Palestinian products in Arab and foreign markets, secure raw materials for Palestinian industrialists at competitive prices and hold joint exhibitions abroad.

The delegation visited Bethlehem, Ramallah, Nahlus and Gaza and met with officials at these cities' chambers of commerce and industry. During these visits, the delegation, which also met with Palestinian chief negotiator Faisal Husseini at Orient House in East Jerusalem, visited several factories to get familiarised with the Palestinian industrial sector.

Mr. Kakish said a delegation of Palestinian husinessmen and industrialists will visit Jordan in the first half of 1996 at an invitation hy the association to be acquainted with Jordanian industries and follow up on discussions with members of the Jordanian delegation.

Police investigate murder of elderly man

By Rana Husseini Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN - Police Monday continued their search for a suspect/s in connection with the murder of a 65-yearold man in his office in Jahal Hussein. according to official sources.

Najeh A. was found dead in his bed the source said. The vicum had a stah the source said.

wound to the chest, the sources told the Jordan Times Monday.

An autopsy performed on the victim Sunday indicated that he also received one blow to the '... d, but died as a result of a knife and to the chest, the source said, adding that the victim had been dead for two or three days.

we have a good idea of who the in his apartment which he also used as assailant/s might be and we hope to an office in Khaled Ibn Walid Street, apprehend some suspects very soon,"

According to the source, theft is believed to have been the monive behind the crime.

"When we went to the scene of crime we found small cases that belonged to the victim scattered everywhere as if someone was looking for something," said the source. Police contacted by the Jordan

Times Monday evening refused to reveal any details and said they were still investigating the incident.

defendant said that he met

him at night, and they went

Witnesses testify in Salt murder case

By Rana Husseini Special ta the Jordan Times

AMMAN — The Criminal Court Monday heard the testimonies of four wimesses in the case of a 29-yearold man accused of stealing, killing and mudlating a man in Salt in August

Kayed Ahmad, who earlier confessed to strangling Mahmoud Ensour in his house in Salt on Aug. 14, stealing his money then cutting his body into parts over a money feud pleaded innocent to all charges during the opening trial on

Juma Abdullah, 40, a taxi driver, who was the last to see Mr. Ensour alive, told the court that on Aug. 14, the day of the murder, he saw the vicom riding with the defendant and heading

towards downtown Salt at jumped at him with a rope around 8:30 a.m.

The wimess also told the court that he had previous knowledge of a financial feud between the victim and Ahmad, and that "the defendant was helping Mr. Ensour purchase a taxi licence."

In his confession after his arrest on Aug. 20, according to court documents, Ahmad, who was helping the victim to purchase a taxi licence, told police that be killed Mr. Ensour because he defrauded him of JD 700 and "he wanted to get rid of him because he kept asking for his money."

On Aug. 14, Ahmad asked Mr. Ensour to meet him as his bouse to finish the necessary papers, and while Mr. Ensour had his back 10 the suspect, he

and strangled bim, stole JD 2,000 and some documents. and hid his body in the hathroom and left the house to think of way to dispose of the body."

Ahmad then returned to his bouse, borrowed a saw from his neighbour, cut the man's body into pieces and placed it in boxes and dumped the boxes in different areas in Salt.

Ahmad's neighbour, Basma Abed, 30, also testified that at around 10:30 a.m. the same day, Ahmad came to ber house and asked to borrow a saw.

"I gave him the saw and four hours later he gave it back clean, and there were no traces of anything," Ms. Abed, a housewife said. Khalid Lutfi, a university smident and a friend of the

for a ride. He said Ahmad collected money from a man riding a pick-up truck in an area 10 kilometres from Sait. "On his way back to Sait, Kayed (the defendant)

bought a pair of shoes and some socks before dropping me off at home," he The victim's wife, Amal,

told the court that on the morning of the murder, her busband told ber that he was able to buy a taxi licence and took JD 2,500 and some documents and left with Ahmad. Presiding Judge Abdul

Ruhman Tawfiq set Dec. 9 as the new date to bear five witnesses for the prosecu-

WHAT'S GOING ON

"Chilleda" at Instituto Cervantes, Jahal Amman at 6.00

LECTURE

" The Arah World and the Nuclear Technology Challenge" (In Arabic) by Dr. Abdul Jawad Amarah at Abduk Hameed Shoman Foundation.

"" Women and Elections in a Democratic Society" by Mark W. Cannon at the USIS Auditorium, the American embassy at 5.30 p.m.

SHORT STORY RECITAL

Recital of short stories by Khalil Qandil at the Phoenix Gallery, Gardens St., at 6.00 p.m.

EXHIBITIONS

Annual fall exhibition "Khawater" at the Jordan River Designs, (Tel. 613081/2) until Dec. 1.

*Pakistani Women of Substance in paintings and photographs"at the National Gallery of Fine Arts, Jebel Weib-

*Exhibition of stamps about the Royal Hashemite family (1916-1995) at the Royal Cultural Centre.

*U.N. photo exhibition on the occasion of the U.N.'s 50th anniversary at Abdul Hameed Shoman Gallery, Jahai Amman through to Nov. 23.

* Works by Jordanian and Iraqi artists at Orfali Art Gallery.

*Works by Dodi Taha'a entitled "Variations Graphiques 93-95" at the French Cultural Centre.

*Sculptures & paintings by Iraqi Artist Ismail Fattah, and a retrospective exhibition of sculptures & drawings by Mona Saudi at Darat Al Funun, Jahal Weihdeh

"Metal works by Ammar Khammash at Liwan, off Wadi Sagra Street. Also displaying all kinds of handicrafts. (Tel.

* Works by Nazih Abu Afesh at Balka Art Gallery, Fuheis.

Beatles release

first new single for 25 years

LONDON (R) - The

voice of John Lennon sang out plaintively from beyond the grave Monday as the first new Beatles

song for 25 years was

released to radio and televi-

sion stations around the

world. Free As A Bird, a

Lennon as a demo tape

three years before he was

shot dead in 1980, was

delivered at dawn London

time and played within

minutes over international

airwaves. The three surviv-

Harrison and Ringo Starr,

got back together in the

recording studio to provide

the hacking for the song.

which is expected to go

straight to the top of pop music charts. Mojo music magazine editor Paul Du

Noyer told BBC Radio

after hearing it: "It's a bit of a dirge for the first half

but I think there's a tune in

there that will get under the

skin. Like a lot of Beatles

fans, I've been quite wor-

ried about the new record,

but on hearing the single

for the first time I think

they might just get away with it," he said. Other

music critics said the song

had more of a 1980s feel

than the sixties sound of

the Beatles beyday. The

song goes on sale world-

wide Tuesday on a Beatles

album featuring old and new tracks and original

recordings not heard before. Free As A Bird will

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Poland elects ex-Communist Kwasniewski to replace Walesa

WARSAW (AFP) — Alek- society has shown its matusander Kwasniewski, onetime Communist turned Social-Demncrai, won the race for Poland's presidency Monday, ousting incumbent Lech Walesa, the former shipyard electrician whose campaign against communism had heralded the end of Europe's Stalinist

regimes. Final results showed Mr. Kwasniewski wining 51.72 per cent of the vote against Mr. Walesa's 48.28 per cent in the final run-off round fought Sunday, Polish News Agency (PAP) said, after compiling tallies from the country 49 voivodies or

Mr. Kwasniewski, 41. whose victory was to be announced officially later Monday, immediately pledged to maintain Poland on the hard-won course of democracy established in 1989, after years of campaigning by Mr. Walesa's Solidarity Trade Union.

"Have no fear, democracy has won in Poland," he told the France-3 TV network. We are a democratic country, more than before, Polish rity, its democratic apti-

But stocks fell on the Warsaw Exchange as final results from the two-round election Kwasinewski a lead of

around 650,000 votes ahead of his 52-year-old rival, a 1983 Nobel Peace Prize winner whose powerful personality has dominated national politics for the past 15 years.

Mr. Kwasniewski will formally take office for a fiveyear term on Dec. 23, five years and a day after Mr. Walesa stepped in as head

His win extends the power of the Reformed Communists over both the executive and parliament. where a coalition led by his Democratic Left Alliance (SLD) won a majority in

It also comes as a harsh blow for the Roman Catholic Church which had endorsed the campaign of the devout church-going

But Mr. Kwasniewski's spokesman said at the

new head of state hoped to enjoy good ties with the

"Kwasniewski wants 10 be a unifying president and not one who divides, spokesman Zbvigniew Siemiarkowski told PAP overnight.

Asked what role Mr. Walesa might play in the opposition camp, the spokesman said: Will be be destructive or, in his role as ex-president, will be put his talent experience and position at Poland's service?"

Both Mr. Kwasniewski and Mr. Walesa share much the same ground on pushing for a free market economic and a quicker rate of privatisation, as well as demanding membership for Poland of both the North Atlantic Treaty Organisatinn and the European Union.

As expected, the southeast of the country gave most of its support to Mr. Walesa, who took nearly 70 per cent of the vote in the voivodies of Raeszos and Tarnow. Mr. Kwasniewski did as well in his power-hase in the west. picking up more than 65 per cent in Gorzow, Konin and

The three ministers had been appointed by Mr. Walesa in line with a constitutional provision putting the head of state in charge of foreign policy as well as internal and external securi-

Mr. Walesa also scored

well in the voivodies of

Gdansk, with 65 per cent,

Historian Adam Michnik,

attributed Mr.

in a Monday editorial in the

Gazeta Wyborcza newspa-

Kwasniewski's victory to

the fact that Mr. Walesa's

rhetoric was less reassuring

for Poles than that of his

smart-looking tennis-play-

en the Poles, even if he

promised a normal life.

Aleksander Kwasniewski

was efficient, normal, pro-

fessional. But his election

means that the future

becomes a hig unknown

Kwasniewski look for?"

Milcanowski was swift to

announce his resignation in

the wake of Mr. Walesa's

defeat, while Defence

Mimster Zbigniew Okonski

and Foreign Minister

Wladyslaw Bartoszewski

are likely to follow suit.

Interior Minister Andrej

Walesa wanted to fright-

ing rival.

and Warsaw, 62.4 per cent.

Russia took note Monday of Mr. Kwasniewski's victory as Poland's new president in a brief statement, saying only it hoped to see hilateral relations continue to develop.

"The Polish people know who to choose and they made their choice," pro-reform Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin said in comments quoted by Interfax News Agency.

He hoped for improve-ment in Russian-Polish relations, which he said were developing "rather well, but perhaps not as well as we would like.'



hy supporters in his headquarters in the Polish capital, Warsaw, late Sunday (AFP

Chernomyrdin accuses opponents of empty promises on economic issues

MOSCOW (R) - Russian Is Russia bloc, bas Prime Minister Viktor announced several initia-Chernomyrdin, facing a uves in recent weeks to ease parliamentary poll in less than a month, accused his opponents Sunday of making empty promises on economic issues.

"They all make promises hut nobody says how they will do it, how they will pay for it," Mr. Chemomyrdin said in an interview broadcast on public Russian Television.

"I will not promise that everything will be sorted out and that we will have no problems," he added.

But he said many problems would be resolved as a result of what the government had done.

Mr. Chernnmyrdin, who leads the centrist Our Home sources" including privati-

the financial problems of those hit hy market reforms.

Last week he announced measures to pay hudget arrears to the military and compensation for victims of collapsed schemes.

Mr. Chernomyrdin said in Sunday's television interview that military wage arrears had to be paid in full in November.

He said Saturday that President Boris Yeltsin had signed a decree to compensate millions of Russians who had lost their savings in collapsed investment funds. The compensation would come from "various

Last Thursday he announced a package of financial measures to help the struggling Russian media.

Mr. Chemomyrdin, whose bloc trails the Communists in the run-up to the Dec. 17 poll, paid tribute to depunes in the State Duma Inwer house of parliament for passing the 1996 hudget at the first reading last Wednesday.

The hudger had stalled, largely over disagreement about next year's inflation target, which some deputies wanted to see relaxed.

The draft envisages 1.9 per cent monthly inflation and Mr. Chemomyrdin said price rises had to be curbed. "It is tough but it has to be

Sinatra feted at all-star 80th birthday bash

LOS ANGELES (R) — Hollywood and the music industry turned out in force Sunday night to honour the grand-daddy of popular music — Frank Sinatra at a hlack-tie gala to cele-hrate his 80th birthday. Singers and musicians as diverse as Tony Bennett, Ray Charles and Little Richard to Boh Dylan, Bruce Springsteen and rappers Salt-N-Pepa shared the stage for a finale of one

of Sinatra's higgest songs New York, New York. They even persuaded Sinatra himself on stage for the final chorus. The singer looked fit but declined to answer questions from reporters after the show. Rocker Springsteen, who like Sinatra hails from New Jersey, introduced the man known as "Old Blue Eyes" and "the Chairman of the Board" at the start the show, which was raising money for an AIDS project and a centre for abused children. "The deep blueness of Frank's voice affected me," Springsteen, telling of hearing Sinatra songs on the juke-hox as a child. "His voice is filled with bad attitude and sex and a sad knowledge of the world," said Springsteen, who kicked off the show with an accoustic version of the song Angel Eyes. Bennett told reporters hackstage that Sinatra "is a very misunderstood man. In his youth he acted like

cares for people." FDA panel allows

he was part of the under-

world, hut he is absolutely

different, there is so much

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WASHINGTON (AP) --Balding Americans should be able to buy the hairgrowth drug Rogaine without a prescription, a panel of scientists told the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Friday. The FDA advisers voted 12-4 that if Rogaine is well labelled, Americans should be able to follow the instructions to determine if they have the kind of hereditary baldness that the drug can treat. That same FDA panel rejected selling Rogaine over-thecounter last year because of fears that people who won't benefit from the drug would waste their money

results of the elections at the presidential palace (AFP photo) **Pro-Moscow Chechen leader survives blast**

GROZNY, Russia (R) — Rebels tried to blow up a motorcade carrying the Moscow-appointed head of breakaway Chechenya Monday, wounding at least six people. local government officials said.

Regional leader Doku Zavgayev escaped with slight injuries from the moming attack on his fourvehicle convoy in the Chechen capital of Grozny. a Chechen government spokesman said.

But six people were injured "with varying degrees of seriousness", the spokesman said.

Mr. Zavgayev. a Sovietera official appointed regional chief on Nov. 1, was treated for wounds to one eye and to the head. The first indications were that the injuries were not seri-

The attack was the third attempt on the life of a Russian or pro-Moscow official in two months and a sign of tensions in the snuthern region before Russia's parliamentary election on Dec. 17 in which Moscow says Chechenya

must also vote.

Interfax News Agency said Monday morning four Russian servicemen had been killed and 15 injured in more than 60 attacks on Russian military positions in the past 24 hours.

Poland's outgoing President Lech Walesa reacts to a journalist's question about the

In Moscow, a spokesman for President Boris Yeltsin said the Kremlin leader, recovering in hospital from a heart problem, had been told of the attack.

· Presidential press secretary Sergei Medvedev said Mr. Yeltsin, who sent forces into Russian Chechenya last December to end the rebels' drive for independence, "extremely worried by the rising wave of terrorism" in Chechenya.

Mr. Medvedev was quoted hy ITAR-TASS news agency as saying such "treacherous attacks" would

not halt peace moves. The rebels have vowed to disrupt voting in Chechenya in December and say it

could kindle civil war. TASS quoted sources close to rebel leader Dzhokhar Dudayev as say-

the attack on Mr. Zavgayev.
"We had nothing to do with an attempt on Doku Zavgayev's life and we consider this aimed at boosting his authority in the republic," pro-Dudayev official

Akhyat ldigov said. Mr. Zavgayev himself vowed he would not be deterred from organising Russian elections on the territory.

"The attempt on my life was carried out by people who want the war to go on and want an escalation of tension. I am not going to swerve from carrying out elections in Chechenya." he told reporters after receiving medical treatment in his office.

In an almost simultaneous attack, an armoured column carrying aides to Oleg Lobov, Mr. Yeltsin's representative in Chechenya. came under fire from unidentified assailants in central Grozny, a Chechen press spokesman said.

Details of the attack were sketchy but TASS said nohody was hurt. Mr. Lobov apparently was not

On Sept. 20 Mr. Lobov escaped unburt from a bomb attack on a convoy at a hridge near Grozny. On Oct. 6 an attack on an armed column in Grozny injured Moscow's military commander in the region, Lieutenant-General Anatoly Romanov. He is in a coma.

Security officials told TASS that Monday's bomb, which rocked Mr. Zavgayev's convoy as he travelled from the airport to his offices, appeared to have been detonated by remote

control. After the explosion the attackers opened fire from the rooftops of nearby buildings using automatic weapons, TASS said. Bodyguards inside the

motorcade returned fire. The attacks and the row over elections has further dimmed hopes that Moscow and the rebels can find a political solution to a conflict which has killed tens of thousands of people. The rebels want independence hut Moscow has ruled this

CIU wins Catalan elections but Aznar makes big gains

MADRID (R) — Spain's veteran Catalan leader Jordi

victory in the country's industrial heartland.

harometer for a general election expected next March, was the centre-right Popular Party which more than doubled its representation in the regional parlia-

home to 15 per cent of Spain's population and source for 20 per cent of its gross domestic product, was seen as an indication of how far Socialist support is falling away at national

PP leader Jose Maria Aznar, tipped by opinion

This result will serve to clear up many doubts over Spanish political life," he said at party headquarters in Madrid.

"Spaniards know that the

the elections early after failing to persuade embanled Prime Minister Felipe Gonzalez 10 call a general election, not due until 1997. before the end of 1995.

fallout from his parliamentary support for the Socialists, agreed after 1993 general elections, as a result of a scandal this year linking Mr. Gonzalez with a "dirty war" against Basque guerrillas,

Mr. Pujol broke with the Socialists in September hut Mr. Gonzalez has refused to call clections earlier than

According to the latest count. the CIU's share of the vote had fallen to 40.8 per cent from 46.2 per cent, while the Socialists fell to 24.9 per cent from 27.5 per cent and the PP rose to 13.1 per cent from 6.0 per cent. Turnous at 64 per cent. was the highest in Catalan

regional elections since The extent of lost votes

means Mr. Pujol has little choice hut to seek a pact or coalition, according 10 United Left leader Julio Anguita, but Mr. Pujol himself left his options open.

"We had hoped to obtain better results from these elections but we still have 25 seats more than the next party," he told a news conference, declining to say what his next steps might be in order to form a government.

Despite the drop in Sncialist votes, former Deputy Prime Minister Narcis Serra said he was encouraged by his party's vote which he noted was double that obtained by the

"Those who saw a collapse in Socialist votes because of the political climale at present in Spain have been found to have been mistaken," Mr. Serra said on state radio.

He did not rule out the Socialists agreeing a pact with the CIU.

The centrist CIU is closer in ideology to the PP hut diametrically opposed on regional autonomy policy. on which it was able to make some progress as a result of its two-year pact with the Socialists.

Mr. Pujol, in an interview published Friday, would not say if he was willing to agree a pact with the PP.

Former Communist Aleksander Kwasniewski and his wife acknowledge the applause

ing his forces had not staged Adams tells Britain to name date for peace talks

Adams, head of the IRA's political arm Sinn Fein, has said that Britain must name a date for unconditional round-table talks to shore up Northern Ireland's bruised peace process.

As Duhlin studied new British proposals for lasting peace after a year of guerrilla truces, Mr. Adams accused London of trying to divide nationalists opposed to its rule over the province.

Mr. Adams, who said he did not know what the new British formula contained, told reporters in Belfast: "What we want is a date for ail-party talks as soon as

"That is required to reestablish the peace process. I can't stress this enough, the peace process, has been a 25-year war they called subverted (by Britain) and undermined and eroded to

the point where it has been reduced to a cessation (of violence). Britain is reported to have

conceded a target date for full peace negotiarinns with Sinn Fein and other parties early in the new year, but is also reported to be sticking 10 a demand for Irish Republican Army (JRA) weapons to be handed in

Sinn Fein argues that targets can move, and only a fixed date will galvanise efforts to transform ceasefires by the IRA, and its foes in pro-British loyalist groups, into lasting peace.

Mr. Adams said any proposals that retained Britain's demand for the surrender of IRA weapons, which the guerrillas used in off 15 months ago, would

Officials in Duhlin said Irish Prime Minister John Bruton would respond soon to proposals sent to him Saturday by Britain's John Мајог.

The (British) prime minister's letter is being very carefuly and seriously considered with a view to an early response," an Irish government spokesman

It is expected that the two leaders will have a telephone conversation in the next 48 hours. British officials hope Mr.

Major's plans will pave the way for a hlueprint to be faunched at an Anglo-Irish summit before U.S. President Bill Clinton visits Northern Ireland on Nov.

Political commentators

say that if new energy is not

injected into the peace

stepping into a political vacuum in the British-ruled province. Sinn Fein hlames British

process, Mr. Clinton risks

inertia for the deadlock. while Britain points the finger at the IRA for holding nn to guns and driving the province's pro-British Protestant politicians away from the negotiating table. Protestant "Unionist" lea-

ders despise the Republicans' aspiration for a united Ireland. They want the province to have its own decision-making assembly to strengthen ties 'Duhlin and moderate

nationalists argue that guerrilla disarmament should be an objective of all-party talks, not a precondition for

Mexican government, rebels strike partial deal for Indians SAN ANDRES LARRAIN- enjoyment of natural who had hoped to set up ZAR, Mexico (R) Mexi- resources, except those power hases in fully

can government envoys and whose management corre-Chiapas guerrillas agreed sponds to the nation." Sunday on a deal offering ican Indians, but the authorlues kept firm control of oil reserves in the southern

At the end of six days of peace talks Sunday, a joint statement said the government and guerrillas of the self-styled Zapatista National Liberation Army had agreed to "assure the autonomy of indigenous

people. They said the agreement would "guarantee the exercise of (indigenous) forms of socio-cultural and poliucal organisation (and) access to the use and the

to the untapped oil reserves in Chiapas - a font of potential wealth partly on Maya lands that the Indians would like to get their hands Oil production in Mexico,

however, is the exclusive domain of state-owned monopoly Petroleos Mexicanos (Pemex), and the government insists it will not let its sovereignty over those oil fields be challenged at the hargaining

The government's refusal to cede full territorial rights to indigenous communities was a blow to the rebels,

autonomous regions. "We say it clearly: We That was a clear reference have doubts hecause we don't see factual signs that show the political will" to

reach a full-scale peace agreement, one of the rebel's masked negotiators, Commander Tacho, told reporters after the ninth reound of negotiations en-

The Zapatistas, named after Mexico's peasant revolutionary leader Emiliano Zapata, also appeared unable to force the governmeni to overturn a 1993 constitutional amendment allowing foreign and private investment in land.

Pujol again won regional elections Sunday but lost his absolute majority, apparently paying a price for supporting the nationallyruling, crisis-hit Socialists. It was his fifth successive

But the hig winner, in a poll widely seen as a

The election in Catalonia,

With 97 per cent of the vote counted, Mr. Pujol's Convergencia I Únio (Convergence And Unity, ClU) had won 60 seats in 135-seat regional assembly, short of a majority, and will probably have to agree a pact with another party in order to govern.

polls as winning the March general election, was quick to claim significance at national level in Sunday's

PP offers stability, security and hope, now also in Catalonia," he added. Mr. Pujol. 65, had called

The Catalan leader was anxious to avoid electoral

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ers were expected to return reached. to work Monday after the White House and the Republican Congress hammered out broad outlines of a deal to balance the budget by 2002 and end the iongest-ever federal shut-President Bill Clinton agreed Sunday Republican demands for a balanced budget in seven years instead of the 10

years he proposed, but won their pledge to protect Medicare, education and other domestic programmes from deep spending cuts. The deal ended an unprecedented six-day partial sbutdown of the U.S. government which closed federal offices across the country, slowed down embassies around the world

Canyon in Arizona for the first time ever. Hailed by both sides as a victory, the two-paragraph accord will keep the govemment operating through Dec. 15, giving Mr. Clinton and the Republicans nearly a month to craft a long-term federal tax and spending

and even shut the Grand

The Republican-controlled Congress wants to cut projected federal spending by nearly \$1 trillion and cut taxes by \$245 billion. balancing the budget in

Mr. Clinton bas expressed doubts about achieving a balanced budget in the shoner time frame, but said he was willing to try as long as domestic programmes were safeguarded.

The key is that nothing the earned income tax of will be agreed to nuless all it for the working poor.

Prime Minister

Paavo Lipponen in a third

snub to European Union

(EU) partners who backed a

United Nations motion

After President Jacques

Chirac cancelled a Franco-

Italian summit and a meet-

ing with Belgian Prime

Minister Luc Dehaene

scheduled this week, Mr. Juppe told TF1 television

he had put off a planned

Tuesday lunch with Mr.

Lipponen "to a little later".

Mr. Juppe said the 10 EU

countries who backed the

non-binding U.N. motion.

last week as France is car-

rying oul a series of nuclear

tests in the South Pacific

"bad failed to let the mini-

mal European spirit prevail

over some pressure from

Officials said Foreign

Minister Herve de Charette

would tell an EU meeting in

Brussels Monday that

European partners which

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He would also recall that

France had pledged to end

tests for ever after the cur-

rent series and offered to

extend its nuclear umbrella

France's wrath was par-

ticularly directed at those

partners — Belgium, Italy,

Netherlands and Portugal

Western European Union,

the EU's budding defence

Denmark, Finland, Swe-

den, Ireland and Austria

also backed the motion.

while Germany, Spain and

Greece abstained and

France and Britain opposed

The row, coming less than

a month before an EU sum-

mil in Madrid, could wors-

en as a fourth nuclear test in

the South Pacific was

France has carried out at

regular three-weekly inter-

vals three of six blasts

planned in the current cam-

paign to validate a new

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the capacity to simulate

The latest blast took place

three weeks ago on Oct. 27.

The government is also

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PARIS (R) - French Prime under pressure at home, on

Minister Alain Juppe has economic issues. Mr. Jappe

put off a meeting with defended wide-ranging

resolve budget crisis WASHINGTON (R) - elements are agreed to," he Over 700,000 federal work- said after the deal was

> Tomorraw the government will go back to work and now the debate will begin in earnest on how to balance the budget in a way that is consistent with the interest and the values of the American people," he said Sunday

> The president later signed a one-day spending bill passed by both House of Representatives and Senate late Sunday and was poised to sign a similar bill Monday extending the government's funding through Dec. 15 once it cleared the House.

The longer-term deal keeps the government running while regular spending bills for all of fiscal 1996 are completed.

Mr. Clinton has signed six of the 13 regular hills, but has criveised a seventh, the Defence Department Bill, for providing \$7 hillion more for defence than he

But Republican Senator John Warner of Virginia pointed out that the military needs the money, especially if Mr. Clinton is contemplating sending troops to Bosnia,

Difficult negotiations are

also expected on taxes. White House officials interpret a promise in the agreement to "help working families" as a \$500 per child tax credit for two parent-families with an adjusted gross income under 5110,000, while White House officials say the

plans to reform the debt-

ridden welfare system in

the face of forthcoming

protests and strikes chal-

lenging his drive 10 cut the

state deficit to fulfil eco-

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He said his plans to cut

the deficit through spending

cuts and new levies were

needed to allow for interest

rates cuts which would

"unblock the brakes which

prevent the French (eco-

nomic) machine from run-

An opinion poll broadcast

by TF1 television said a 43

to 39 per cent majority of

voters trusted the plan

But a 63 to 28 per cent

Mr. Juppe forcefully

denied charges by Socialist

opposition leader Lionel

Jospin that his plan would

hit low incomes hardest. He

said nine million pension-

ers, unemployed people and

poor wage-earners would

escape a new 0.5 per cent

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The Communist-led CGT

union has called a general

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Another left-wing union

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Student unions plan

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(2140 GMT), newspapers predicted a rough ride for compromise would protect Princess Diana at the hands of the royal family, whatever the earned income tax cred-Friends of the 34-year-old princess, who was separated France snubs Finland

from Prince Charles in 1992, have said she will use the hour-long solo interview to state that she does not want a divorce and wants to serve her country.

The Princess of Wales is seen leaving the Chelsea

Harbour Club in London Monday after a fitness work-

out on the day the BBC were due to screen a 60-minute

Panorama interview given by the princess (AFP photo)

Charles said furious

over Diana interview

LONDON (R) - Britain's Prince Charles was reported

Monday to be furious at the decision of his estranged wife

Princess Diana to bare her soul in a television interview

With details of the unprecedented interview still a close-

ly guarded secret ahead of screening Monday evening

and has vowed she will never be crowned queen.

But she is also expected to talk frankly about her marriage to the heir to the throne, which started with a fairytale wedding in 1981 and turned quickly into a loveless

nightmare for both of them. The prince (Charles) is absolutely shattered and just can't believe she has actually given this interview," one friend was reported as telling the Daily Express newspaper. Veteran royal watcher James Whitaker, writing in the Daily Mirror, said that despite Princess Diana's wishes Prince Charles had already drawn up plans for a divorce to take place when Queen Elizabeth dies and he is ready to

ascend to the throne. "I will never sit on the throne with that woman at my side," Mr. Whitaker quoted Prince Charles as telling

"In the months between Prince Charles succeeding to the throne and bis coronation, there would have to be a divorce. Matters are in hand," the unidentified friend

About 20 million people in Britain are expected to watch the interview, which Princess Diana gave to the BBC without consulting Buckingham Palace, Prince Charles or even ber own private secretaries.

It follows a lengthy television programme about Prince Charles, 47, last year in which the prince publicly admitted adultery with his old flame Camilla Parker-Bowles. Princess Diana was pictured having a heart-to-beart talk

with her 13-year-old son Prince William Sunday outside his elite private school in Eton, west of London. It is thought she was preparing him for what she would be saying in the interview and onlookers said the young

prince looked distressed. "It was n very intense meeting. Prince William looked shaken and shuffled from foot to foot and Princess Diana did most of the talking. Prince William was clearly disturbed," one German tourist who witnessed the scene told

the Sun newspaper. Meanwhile British consultational experts as well as millions of viewers will watch for any hint from Princess Diana on a possible divorce when the hour-long scoop television interview is aired.

Up to 20 million British viewers - as many as 200 million worldwide - are expected to watch Princess Diana's char with journalist Martin Bashir, which is being aired on BBC's Panorama news programme.

Constitutional experts say Princess Diana's decision to grant the interview seems to seal the couple's separation. "I would doubt she will address the question of divorce directly but it's hard to see it being avoided altogether," said Dr. Boh Borthwick, who has written extensively on

"Constitutionally, there is no problem with Prince Charles becoming king as a divorcee and that is still the likeliest scenario. But I can't see Diana becoming queen. That's just not realistic."

He added: "Divorce would now be the neatest solution." Experts say they do not expect Princess Diana to kiss and tell, despite constant speculation about her own love life. "She has hit below the belt (in conducting this secret

interview) but I'm certain it will be an attempt to make her seem as pure as driven snow," said Harold Brooks-Baker, publishing director of the nobility directory Burke's He said Princess Diana will dwell on her work for chari-

ty, devotion as a mother and her avowed fealty to crown and country.

Should they divorce, the queen could in theory make Princess Diana a ducbess and leave Prince Charles free to wed again, with Camilla Parker Bowles the most likely bride. The only barrier to a Queen Camilla would be public

But even traditionalists who might wince at the idea of two middle-aged divorcees setting up house in Buckingham Palace now favour a fresh start over the cur-

"A royal divorce may be painful, but it is needed and soon," said Lord Blake, a leading constitutional expert. "The present arrangement is causing pain to all parties and it is destroying our monarchy."

Elite Sri Lanka troops enter city limits of Jaffna

Lanka's elite Reserve Strike Force took over from reguentered the city limits of the army shelling. rebel hastion of Jaffna, the

army said. Army officials said the elite troops were cautiously advancing on the city centre, the Tamil rebel stronghold for the past 10 years, now a booby-trapped fortress sheltering a clutch of guerrillas from an immipent army assault.

The elite troops began moving towards the city centre at dawn amid conflicting reports of casualties in a fierce buttle in the suburbs of Juffna Sunday.

The Reserve Strike Force Division, including com-mandos, the Special Forces Brigade, Rapid Deployment Force and Special Air Mobile Troops, took over from regular troops as they captured the strategic inwn of Nallur and entered Jaffna City's municipal limits, the Lankapuvath News Agency said.

An army statement said troops had captured Nallur. within the city limits of

An ancient Hindu temple there, regarded as the holiest shrine of Hindu Tamils but also revered by the

The rebel Voice of Tigers radio had earlier claimed lar troops Monday and the temple was damaged by

> The radio said Monday that the Liberaunn Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) rebels had killed 50 government troops and destroyed two tanks during Sunday's hattle near the Jaffna suburb of Impilai.

The radio, monitored in the government-held frontline town of Vavuniya, said a naval squad of the LTTE mounted attacks on Sri Lankan Navy boats searching for a a cargo plane

The LTTE had shot down the Chinese-built Y-8 plane over the sea as it approached the army's northern Palaly Air Base Saturday. At least three airmen were killed and two were missing. One man was rescued alive, Newspapers said the army

was investigating bow the guerrillas had been able to come within firing range of the plane despite heavy patrolling of the sea. The rebel claim of army

casualues was at variance with the official toll which put troop losses at 12 in

Sunday's fighting. The radio gave no figures of guerrilla losses but the killed in the encounter. "The tanks were soil

burning Monday," the radio

State radio said Sunday troops had advanced to about 800 metres from the town centre.

The rebel radio said unexploded bombs posed a danger to refugees arriving at the Kilinochchi shelters south of Jaffna. A boy was killed when a

shell exploded there as refugees cleared the area to set up tents.
The Tigers said the device

was fired by government troops some time ago from their nearby Elephant Pass

The official soll on both sides Sunday was esu mated at 160 LTTE rebels and soldiers killed in the north and

"Almost every huilding in the area had been booby-trapped." the state radio said Sunday. The army lost 12 soldiers in the clash and 84 were wounded, mostly by mines laid by retreating rebels, it added.

The guerrillas struck back in eastern Sri Lanka, killing 38 government soldiers in a Sunday ambush as the troops patrolled a railway track at Shanthiveli in Batticaloa district. The

las were killed in the attack. Meanwhile the fiery leader of India's rightwing regional Hindu Shiv Sena parry Sunday came out strongly in support of the

Tamil guerrillas fighting for

a separate homeland in Sri "The injustices wreaked on Tamilians living in Sri Lanka are unacceptable," said Shiv Sena leader Bal Thackeray, in an address to party lieutenants meeting in

Bombay. "I am for the LTTE," said Mr. Thackeray, whose party, primarily based in India's western State

Maharashtra, has a snarling Tiger for its emblem. "I am proud of those Tigers."

In his address, Thackeray exhorted the members of his party to assert their Hindu identity and fight for their rights, a plank that Shiv Sena bopes to use in campaigning in national polls due next year. As the meeting of party leaders from 18 Indian states ended, delegates said they had decided to focus on issues central to the party's Hindu philosopby, like the reconstruction of ancient Hindu temples at sites now occupied by

Bangladesh politics take new turn at last supper

desh's unending dilemma over future elections took a new turn Monday after the ruling Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) hinted at a rough ride for the opposition calling for polls under a

neutral authority. Party sources said an almost certain decision that Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia would ask the president to dissolve parliament this week may be

sbelved for weeks. "A strong opinion in favour of delaying the dissolution emerged at the last supper hosted by Speaker Sheikh Razzak Ali Sunday for BNP members of parliament," one source said.

Mr. Ali prorogued what was believed to be parliament's last session Saturday. The MPs have since been feted by President Abdur Rahman Biswas and Mrs. Khaleda before the speaker hosted what parliament officials called the farewell supper.

without an opposition since tilt is toward announcing March 1994 after opposition leader Sbeikh Hasina led 147 legislators into a 10month boycon followed by their mass resignation, in December.

The Election Commission said by-elections for the vacated seats 'must be announced by Nov. 22 to fulfil consututional require-

But the government and the commission almost agreed to skip the by-elections, which the opposition said it would boycon, and instead announce general elections probably for January, two months before

schedule. Party sources said the. decision faced heated argument after BNP's Secretary-General Abdus Salam Talukder returned home Sunday from the United States following treatment for heart ailments.

His followers pressed the issue barder when government leaders attended Sunday's dinner. "Now the

schedules for the hy-elections first and wait till the day of the submission of nominations." one source

"Unless no one proposes his candidacy or the number of candidates are meagre (then) the president will dissolve parliament and the election commission will announce parliamentary

But BNP leaders said a final decision rested with the prime minister.

Political analysts said the BNP might push the country towards an open confrontation by trying to hold by-elections.

BNP sources said they expected two gains from the move - to have more time to try to reach a settlement with opposition groups and to minimise campaigning time for the opposition if they agree to general eleccons.

"Actually, BNP wants to give the opposition a rough ride," one party official said

without elaborating. Opposition leader Sheikh

Muslim mosques.

Hasina said Monday ber group Awami League and its allies would not take part in any elections under the BNP government.

They want Mrs. Khaleda to step down immediately and allow elections supervised by a neutral caretaker administration, one preferably headed by the chief jusnice.

Mrs. Khaleda, elected in 1991 in what were billed as Bangladesh's first free polls, has rejected the opposition demands as unconstitunonal.

"It appears that the whole thing is taking a U-turn ahead of expected elections as the BNP tries to buy time," one Asian diplomat

said Monday. "We suspect such a move could provoke violence and make the opposition's resolve to stay away from polls even firmer," he told

Mandela summons Shell executives over Nigeria

President Nelson Mandela

summoned top executives of Shell in South Africa Monday and expressed "deep disappointment" at the lack of pressure hy the oil company against the Nigerian government, the ANC said.

The president raised strongly the need for Shell in show its outrage and lack of pressure on the Nigerian regime," African National Congress (ANC) spokesman Carl Niehaus told a news conference in Johan-

Mr. Mandela has taken charge of an international campaign to isolate Nigeria's military leaders following the executions this Shell has handled the whole

JOHANNESBURG (R) - month of nine minority rights activists, including writer Ken Saro-Wiwa.

"Despite the strong plea from the president there has not until now been any substantial positive response from Shell," Mr. Niehaus said. "As the president said this

morning, this kind of response from Shell is deeply disappointing," Mr. Niehaus said. Mr. Niehaus was address-

ing a news conference with Secretary-General Cyril Ramaphnsa, who returned from Britain where be had talks on Nigeria and other issues with British Prime Minister John Major. "I am disgusted at the way

matter," Mr. Ramaphosa said, referring particularly to a planned joint gas pro-ject between Shell and Nigeria.

Mr. Niehaus said further

meetings would be held with Shell South Africa's executives before any possible steps against the oil giant would be considered in South Africa.

Mr. Mandela has asked U.S. President Bill Clinton to impose oil sanctions, saying he will pressure Mr. Majnr 10 do the same and wants China to back Nigeria's isolation by the U.N. Security Council.

Commonwealth, The which was holding its summit in New Zealand at the time of the executions, suspended Nigeria's membership and has given it two years to clean up its act or face expulsion. Mr. Mandela said this was too long and he wanted quick

change. Some Western and African states, including South Africa, have withdrawn their diplomats from Nigeria or banned military sales to its government. But they stopped short of imposing an embargo on Nigeria's oil, the mainstay of the econo-

Nigeria produces around two million barrels per day of crude oil. About half its exports go to the United

More Timorese seek embassy refuge despite protests

than 100 youths staged pro- months. Indonesia demonstrations around parliament and in front of the French embassy Monday, only hours after four East Timorese sought

refuge in the embassy. At Indonesia's parliament, youths claiming to be from East Timor protested against a wave of high-profile asylum bids by East Timorese and declared support for Indonesian rule.

The same group also demonstrated at the French embassy, where four East Timorese had dashed in hours earlier, the second group to seek refuge in the embassy in less than a week and the fifth sanctuary bid them," he said.

JAKARTA (R) - More at Jakarta embassies in two "It's true. The French offi-

cials told me that another four are inside at the moment," Ahmad Alkauri, leader of the pro-integration East Timorese, told journalists after meeting French officials inside the embassy.

Embassy officials declined comment but Foreign Ministry spokesman Ghaffar Fadyl told Reuters the ministry knew of the incident, adding the four were

seeking asylum in Portugal. "We are informed about the incident and we find out the East Timorese are students. We are still looking for more information about

Carrying Indonesian flags and singing the Indonesian national anthem, the pro-Indonesian protesters, who said they were students and workers, earlier marched on parliament and called East Timorese who sought asylum overseas "traitors".

the integration (with Indonesia). Asylum seekers are traitors," read their banners. Mr. Alkatiri, leader of the protesters, told reporters Monday that Timorese who sought political asylum were people who wanted a

"We are ready to defend

ing to work hard. Some 39 East Timorese have gained asylum in Portugal after bursting into the officials?" he asked

better life but were unwill-

embassies of Britain, the Netherlands, Japan and France since September.

One Western diplomat said Monday his embassy would do its best to discourage the Timorese into coming, but added public pressure in his country was such that the embassy could not turn them onto the street.

"Their presence in an embassy is very disruptive. But the basic question is who has an interest in the flow of these East Timorese. Is it to say to Western embassies you are sticking up for East Timor - now have some of your own medicine? Or is it done to discredit senior government

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Checking Israeli terrorism

THE BACKLASH against Jewish extremism in the wake of the assassination of Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin two weeks ago has accelerated and reached a forceful momentum. Even Likud leader Binyamin Netanyahu has moved swiftly to disassociate himself from Israeli and Jewish fundamentalists after he and his party were accused of whipping up bate propaganda that culminated in the assassination of Mr. Rabin. Mr. Netanyahu also made daring attempts to distance himself and his fellow ideologues from American-Jews linked with factions that stood behind the hate fever against peace with the Palestinians. Mr. Netanyahu and his party must have taken due notice of the sudden sharp drop in the popularity of their views on peace in the Middle East and the abrupt upsurge in the popularity of their opponents.

Yet, in spite of all the last-ditch efforts by Likud to contain the dangers to its political fortunes, the backlash against Israeli and Jewisb extremism continues unabated. This backlasb was given a powerful expression when the government decided this week to bar radical Jews from entering Israel as immigrants or tourists. This is in defiance of Israeli sacrosanct "law of return" that gives every Jew on earth an absolute right to immigrate to Israel and obtain an Israeli citizenship in fulfilment of an old Zionist dream of gathering all the Jews of the world in Israel.

Now there are growing voices within Israel who are calling for a reconsideration of this blanket authorisation to all Jews to live in Israel in a clear bid to weed out Jewish extremists. Israeli minister of environment, Yossi Sarid, has actually suggested amending the controversial 'law of return" to prevent the inflow of Jewish enemies of peace. There is no doubt that this latest bold initiative came in concert with the new mood in his country, especially after it was established that Israeli extremists have even infiltrated the Shin Bet, the ultra secret state security apparatus.

The struggle against extremism, has also taken an additional form when the government of acting Prime Minister Shimon Peres Sunday decided to introduce additional legislation to curb the activities and actions of extremists among the Israeli population. "The government," a cabinet statement at the conclusion of an emergency meeting Sunday said, "declares that extremist, violent, racist and terrorist organisations pose a great threat to the democratic regime of Israel." The statement continued to state that "the government will not permit Jews from abroad to come to Israel as immigrants, tourists, residents or citizens if they express support for organisations which have been outlaws or if they support acts of violence."

These are all welcome developments and will augur well for regional peace. The Arab side had often complained about Jewish extremism in the past and some of these complaints date back to 1947 and 1948, when bands of Jewish extremist organisations went on a campaign of terrorism and genocide against Palestinian people. Now at last, it has dawned on Israel that it should put a leash on its own fanatics. They are, after all, among the primary enemies of peace and reconciliation in the area.

ARABIC PRESS COMMENTARIES

ONCE AGAIN terrorism succeeds in causing the death of innocent people and in sowing grief in the hearts of many families, said Al Ra'i daily Monday. Referring to the carbomb blast in Islamabad, the paper said that the eriminal act which shook the Pakistani capital shows that the perpetrators have failed to achieve their evil act inside the Egyptian territory and that the extremist groups, which carried out the attack, have been backed by foreign circles which facilitated the attack. The paper said that such attacks on civilian targets do not prove the success of terrorism in achieving the goal of its perpetrators, nor do they show that the criminals have any courage. The attack, which was claimed by Islamist groups in Egypt. was directed against the Islamic faith and its nature is alien to Muslim principles and beliefs, said the paper. The attack, it added, has aroused in the Arab and Muslim hearts great pain and anger and has underlined the need for collective action to combat terrorism and extremism.

BY ELECTING Liamine Zeroual, the moderate Algerian statesman, the Algerian people have thus opted for an era of democracy, free of fear and bloodshed and chosen a path of security and stability, said Al Dustour daily. The paper said the Algerian people are fed up with violence. explosions and armed conflict, and are ready to do anything they can to stop the fratrecide in their country. Mr. Zeroual, who advocated moderation and dialogue for ending disputes, has won the favour of his people who had offered heavy sacrifice for their freedom from French colonial rule, said the daily. The results of the Algerian elections, continued the paper, have shown that the silent majority rejects confrontation and conflict, and seek dialogue and peaceful settlement of domestic affairs and a return to democracy and respect of human rights.

The View from Fourth Circle

By Rami G. Khouri

The statue, the press, the professional associations and the law

NOW THAT the statue has appeared and disappeared, the major domestic political issue of the day is the state's effort to translate its displeasure with elements in the press and the professional associations into new laws that clearly define the concerned parties' roles and rules. This seems, on the surface, to be a straightforward and reasonable matter of translating the enlightened leadership directives of His Majesty King Hussein into new laws and regulations. But, like the fabulously telling statue incident itself, this matter comprises a rather more complex and exciting dynamic with three principal protagonists: the King, the government and the people. How this matter plays itself out in the coming weeks and months will tell us a lot about our likely future trend of national development. It is important first of all to admit two cardinal points: there are serious problems with our press and the professional associations that must be resolved, and King Hussein played his normal constructive leadership role in bringing this fact to the attention of the country. Prime Minister Sharif Zeid Ben Shaker also performed a valuable service when he spoke out earlier this week against imported negative principles and willfully destructive criticism. On all these counts, I am fully in agreement with the trend of

What happens, though, after the King defines the issue and asks the state and society for appropriate action? Here is where we run into more turbulent ground. The tendency in the government seems to be strongly towards rewriting the existing laws in order to address the problems at hand. I think this is hasty and inappropriate, and I would urge the s. vernment to think long and hard about the best manner in which it responds to His Majesty's call for constructive change. We do not, after all, want to run the risk of restricting freedom and democracy in the name of protecting them, or of abusing the law-making parliamentary institution in the name of affirming and strengthening the rule of law.

This is treacherous ground, but not novel or unusual for almost every country in the world that has made a transition from traditional patriarchy to participatory democracy has also found itself grappling with new stresses and strains in the post-launch period. So let's not exaggerate our situation; we are not writing the book on Third World democratisation, but we are adding another chapter to it. Many other countries have bad to deal with the same issues we face today. It is important for the state and society to act cautiously and intelligently on these issues. and not to panic or indulge in hasty solutions that only make the problems worse. We should first accurately identify four elements of the press and professional associations (PA) problem as it has been put on the national agenda by Kiog Hussein: The problem's nature, causes, extent, and consequences. My own brief observations follow:

The nature of the problem is really closer to social deviance, voyeurism, thuggery and eccentricity than to criminality. Some journalists and PA leaders find it eithet commercially lucrative or politically satisfying to act in a manner that most Jordanians find peculiar, at best, and

The causes of the problem are multiple and complex: They may include a natural desire to experiment after so many years of living in a relatively constrained or officially directed society, the appeal of profits, the need to release nadonal order allows you new room to engage in ideological battle, and, perhaps, the biological need for both wild excitement or rigid conformity as a coping mechanism during times of severe and swift change. Another cause, from the government side, may be the novelty of having to get used to and live with PA leaderships and publications that are exercising their new freedoms in a democratising

The extent of the problem is relatively manageable, if we accept that it is permissible to be different but not to ravage society's collective morality, and that it is permissible to oppose but not 10 blackmail others into opposing with you. Or, as the prime minister put it nicely, we accept criticism. opposition and the need for reform, but not national destruction or harm.

The consequences of the problem are not clear. Are the press and PAs merely irritating, discourteous and slightly embarrassing, or are they dangerous, socially jarring. politically polarising, and a real threat to the country It is important to identify something of a national consensus on these four points, as a prelude to formulating the most appropriate response. Changing the laws is one option, but a bad one. The best response, I would suggest. is to strengthen the judicial system and allow the courts to

redress the imbalances, distortions and extremes that His Majesty has complained about and that the majority of Jordanians almost certainly agrees with.

We have to exert much effort to make sure that our · judicial system is as fast, fair and efficient as humanly possible, and then we have to give it the opportunity to make the decisions that the executive branch has tended to make in the past. After all, laws and regulations already exist regarding the press and PAs. Even if penalties are modest, the laws, if well used, can achieve their aims of

social tranquility, political stability and national development. The existing laws and regulations require better implementation and greater interpretation. Let's be realistic about our time frame: the Americans and French are still interpreting their laws and constitutions more than two centuries after their first republican stirrings. We should not hesitate to reinterpret our own

laws that are less than five years old in some cases, such as the Press and Publications Law. It would be preferable for the government or a private individual to bring a lawsuit against a publication or a PA that is deemed to be engaging in terrible and offensive things, rather than to tame the alleged offenders by writing a more constricting new law. If we want to protect democracy, we can best do so by giving the judiciary a greater role in interpreting the existing laws, so that we can continue to generate a national consensus that is validated by the four core elements of our governance system: the King, the executive branch, the legislature and the judiciary. A law that is introduced by the government, passed by Parliament, approved by the King, and then interpreted by the courts is stronger and more impressive than a law that has gone through only three of these four steps.

My second objection to dealing with the press and PAs via stricter new laws is that it creates a bad precedent of making laws dependent on current ideological positions or social behaviour of assorted elements within Jordanian society. Laws then become seasonal instruments of the changing political inclinations of governments, rather than permanent, defining platforms of our entire society's norms, rights and standards. If the professional associations had supported the peace process, would there be no need to change the laws? What does this then tell us about our laws and our attitude towards them?

The larger issue is one that I have mentioned before, and that remains substantially underaddressed today in Jordan and the rest of the Arab World: who decides? We are dealing bere with two related elements: political rights and social values. Publishing press reports about a baby with three feet or about illicit sexual liaisons is about social values. Threatening Jordanian professionals with forced unemployment if they support the peace process is about political rights. Both these issues have to be resolved through a process that takes into account the sentiments and talents of the widest possible cross-section of Jordanian

Historically, Jordanian society has been shielded from the worst ravages of modern Arab autocracy by the moderating influence of the monarchy. If we had not had the monarchy to lead and to temper the possible excesses of the executive branch, we probably would have long ago drowned in a deluge of statues and other symbols of frenzied political deification. The statue incident did not emanate from a local historical vacuum, emanated from a tradition of sporadic executive branch intemperance that is itself a consequence of often unchecked political and economic power.

That is why, two centuries ago, they rejected statuary and deification as components of political culture in the USA and France, and why last week we in Jordan took a nifty, similar measure. That is also why it is imperative to get the three branches of our government working in synchronisation with the monarchy in addressing our problems and challenges, rather than leaving the executive branch to lead the way and to change the laws whenever it feels the need, the urge, or the inclination to do so.

The two core values of democratisation, in my view, are a) representative or participatory government that is accountable and pluralistic, and b) government that is run through several different branches that check and balance one another, in order to avoid abuse of power or tyranny. It would be very appropriate if, having rejected deification of individuals via statuary, we would subsequently also reject deification of entire branches of government. We have genuine, legitimate problems to address in the press and PAs. The mechanism we use to agree on how to address them is more important than the measures we take in the end. This moment calls for great prudence. It is also probably the first real test of the prime minister's qualitative commitment to and appreciation of the democratisation process that he so valiantly inaugurated in 1989, upon the instructions of King Hussein.

It is dramatically ironic that the same prime minister should now face the complicated challenge of how to deal with the sporadic excesses of a few people who have been emboldened by the democratisation process that he helped to launch. This process of gradual democratisation and liberalisation has sustained itself primarily because of several factors that are televant again today. It was based on a broad national consensus enshrined in the National Chartet, it has been continuously prodded and encouraged by King Hussein and others in the national leadership, and it has been substantiated by an increasing number of dynamic institutions at the grassroots level. In other words, an important combination of impulses far beyond the executive and legislative branches of government played very important roles in bringing us to where we are; that same combination probably has an equally important role to play in keeping us moving in the same direction.

The time has come for Israel to make up its mind

By William Pfaff

PARIS - Yitzhak Rabin was a victim of Israel's divisions, but also of its indecision. Some Israelis are determined to create a greater Israel. Some are content with a smaller Israel, if yielding land to the dispossessed Palestinians will give Israel peace.

The Oslo agreements, ceding Gaza and parts of the West Bank to the PLO, have been applied at a dilatory pace and in a tortured manner that has reinforced Israeli and Arab opponents of compromise.

The murdered prime minister and bis foreign mioister, Sbimon Peres. could not bring themselves to confront the extremist colonists implanted in territories elaimed by the Palestinians. They balked

at accepting the logic of the course to which they bad committed themselves.

Their approach to the problem of the colonies has been dilatory and irresolute. The colonists and their allies possess quite the opposite qualities. They believe with all their hearts that God has given them a mission to occupy and hold forever all the biblical Holy Land. In the 1960s the ultra-

Orthodox movement was allied with Labour and was politically moderate. In the years that followed the 1967 war, power passed to a younger geoeration increasingly intolerant, in-transigent in its views, reinforced in this by an emigration of extremist American Jews, some of them preaching indiscriminate violence against all Arabs. The colooies were ex-

panded because Likud was determined to keep the West Bank territories for political and security reasons. It was politically inhibited in what it did by its economic and military dependence on the United States, but settlement of the West Bank steadily continued with official backing. This "created facts" on the

sor governments were expected to be unable to re-Until now they have not tried. Under the present agreements expanding PLO autonomy in the West Bank, Israel is recalling its army from certain areas but leaving behind the colonists, who live in fortified settlements with Israeli troops permanently on

ground in the occupied ter-

nitories (and in Jerusalem

itself) which Likud's succes-

guard. This is not only a

verse.

ing to subvert the fragile PLO-Israeli agreements that already exist, but also one which a realistic judgment says cannot last.

The fundamental issues between Israel and the PLO still have not been addressed: Jerusalem's status, borders, the return of refugees, the fate of the col-

The Rabin government delayed the process in part for electoral motives. Already trailing in voter polls in the lead-up to Knesset elections a year from now, Labour has been afraid to do anything that would further upset an uneasy electorate. But Mr. Rabin's murder now has dramatically changed that situation.

The argument is made that Mr. Peres has a fleeting moment in which he could take radical and decisive action to get a full agreement with the Palestinians, doing so before next year's elections, so as to present voters with peace as a fait accompli - so that voters will know that if they reject Labour they are rejecting

peace itself. But the problem no longer is simply political. A significant minority in Israel opposes peace on any attainable terms. It bas demonstrated that it is capable of killing Israeli leaders who attempt to make

peace with the PLO. These extremists now potentially represent an Israeli version of the Irish Republican Army, or the Secret Army Organisation tbat waged war against Charles de Gaulle after he gave Freoch Algeria its freedom. Armed struggle in Israel between Israelis is

During four decades and a balf. Israelis lived with the permanent threat and recurrent reality of war with Arab neighbours. That threat now has lifted. The presence at Mr. Rabin's funeral of King Hussein, Egypt's President Hosni Mubarak, and other officials from Arab countries, as well as six members of the Palestinian autonomy government, attests to that.

The threat now lies within. Can Israel reconcile its citizens who want peace with those who believe that God forbids Israel to compromise with its enemies? Will Mr. Peres respond as de Gaulle responded, saying that the natioo's common interest must prevaii? That now is the ques-

Los Aogeles Times.

Customary law is anti-nuclear

By Jeremy J. Stone

WASHINGTON - Neither the anti-nuclear states nor the nuclear weapon states contesting at the International Court of Justice bearings on the legality of the use of nuclear weapons will describe to the coort the obscure nuclear doc-

trine that it needs to know. This doctrine, the Negative Security Assurance, shows that "state practice" does not support the introduction of nuclear weapons into conventional hostilities, and hence that the court could declare such action illegal under internaticoal law.

The United States, Britain, France and Russia bave undertaken, in parallel negative-security assurances, not to use nuclear weapons against all but three oon-nuclear states so loog as these states do not attack in "alliance or association" with a nuclear

state. (The three significant non-nuclear states not covered, because they refuse to sign the nonproliferation treaty, are India, Israel and Pakistan).

The fifth nuclear power, China, for its part, has undertaken never to use nuclear weapons first against any state.

This loophole for attacks made in conjunction with nuclear powers, designed originally to deter North Korea from invading South Korea, is now anachronistic since Pyongyang's aggression would no longer be backed by China ot Russia.

Nor are the other states of concern to the United States (Libya, Iran and Iraq) going to wage attacks on U.S. forces in association with a nuclear power. And what non-nuclear states are going to attack Britain, France or Russia, in association with a nuclear

Are the five avowed nuc-

lear powers seriously threatening to introduce nuclear weapons into conventional hostilities with each other? They are not. The case of NATO vs. the

Soviet Union was the only counterexample. But the Soviet Union hoving become a non-Communist Russia, and its conventional superiority having turned into conventional impotence, NATO defence ministers, if asked to testify, would spark a storm of criticism if they asserted publicly that nuclear first use was still a necessary doctrine.

And could Russia really fear overwhelming conventional actack by China in the Far East? That is just wild speculation.

Israel, Pakistan or India might, in extremis, introduce nuclear weapons into conventional hostilities, but none dates proclaim this right - indeed, none dares admit publicly that it has nuclear weapons or latent nuclear "capability." (And while they are not covered by the Negative Security Assurance, none of them can credibly fear first use of nuclear weapons against them by a nuclear power).

In sum, among the 17,955 pairs that 190 states can generate, the threat of first use in conventional hostilities applies, in today's world, to no more than half a dozen hypothetical and very extreme cases. The desuctude into which

the threat of first use of nuclear weapons has fallen is of great importance. Combined with a sense of 'state obligation," international lawyers will tell you, this state practice can be construcd as customary law. Accordingly, the court could declare that such law exists, in its advisory opinion requested by the Generat Assembly of the United

in part a function of the "dictates of the public conscience," this sense of state obligation can be seen all about us. The trend of decisions on weapons of mass destruction has been clear - in the evolving law concerning inhumane weapons, in the ever tighter constructions on use and possession of chemical and biological weapons, and in the periodic votes in the General Assembly that, by large

Since the laws of war are

use of nuclear weapons. Meanwhile, under the non-prolifetation treaty's Article VI, the nuclear states undertook the legal obligation to rid themselves of possession of nuclear weapons through disarmament - precisely to prevent such use.

majorities, condemn the

The purpose of the rare first-use reservations by nuclear states is understandable - to deter lifeor-death threats to states.

The related doctrines are obscure precisely because states fear, in this climate of public opinion, even to

enunciate this threat. We are that close to a world in which no state can permit itself to introduce nuclear weapons into conventional hostilities. Accordingly, it is well within the mandate of the International Court of Justice to proclaim that "the use of any weapons of mass destruction such as chemical, biological or nuclear weapons is, and ought to be declared, illegal under international law."

In this day and age, only those who violate that declaratory proposition oeed fear a nuclear response.

The writer is president of the Federation of American Scientists. founded by World War II atomic scientists. He contributed this comment to the International Herald Tribune.

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Rupert Cornwell describes the great

showdown between warrior Newt Ging-

rich and healer Bill Clinton over their

Party accord sets stage for new Hungary media law

By Duncan Shiels Reurer

BUDAPEST - After five years of acrimonious debate, Hungary's parliament looks set to finally approve plans to privatise national relevision and radio.

All six parliamentary parhes have agreed on the basic principles of a media bill to be presented to parfiament and some say the legislation would be in place by the new year.

Critics say that despire

the agreement, debate on the controversial legislation could still get bogged down in detail.

We are now very optimistic that it will be possible for the bill to be passed this year," said Andras Bard. spokesman for the main governing party, the social-

The draft bill offers 10veer concessions on the second of two state channels, MTV 2, and on a currently unused third frequency, Channel 58, which under Hungary's former communist government broadcast Soviet television.

MTV1 and the stateowned satellite Chanoel Duna TV, which broadcasts to Hungarian-speaking minorities in neighbouring countries, will remain in state hands while a second public satellite channel is to be set up by December next

This is a erucial compromise that has made the ill-party agreement possi-

The bill, which required the agreement of all parties, had long been stalled, partly over the privatisation of MTV2. The largest opposition party, the Hungarian Democratic Forum, wanted both main national channels to stay public but has now accepted the creation of a second state-owned satellite channel as a compromise.

Another bone of contention has been the degree of government may exercise over media it will

introduced in 1989 by Hungary's reform communists, who were voted out of power shortly afterwards, froze the allocation of national broadcasting frequencies until a law was in place to prevent the media falling into unwelcome hands.

The six parties have now agreed that MTV, Hunganan radio and Duna TV will be run by three inde-pendent public foundations, headed by representatives of the parliamentary parties, professional

are under considerable pressure to sign the bill into law, according to political

going to like it.

Opposition parties have promised not to deliberarely block the bill but say that current discussions of the 1996 budget will not allow enough time to complete the fine detail by the end of the year, as promised by the

The opposition Federation of Young Democrats (FIDESZ) said: "Just because we gave our political support by signing the sixparty agreement doesn't mean the talking is over. Privately-owned Hungarian television will not have

almost a decade of access to foreign private TV via satellite and cable, Hungarians have become used to slick forcign programming.

We are talking about an audience that knows private TV. They already have private international channels and are finally looking forward to a commercial channel that will broadcast in their own language."

Some terms of the 10year concessions are also controversial. The government reserves the right in 2006 to decide which of the three national channels will remain in state hands and could in theory decide to re-nationalise MTV2 or Channel 58 and privatise

In addition, the winner of the Channel 58 coocession will be obliged to upgrade the technology to extend coverage from the present 30 per cent of the popula-

with such strings attached, 10 years is too short a time to offer ao adequate return

However, Peter Molnar media spokesman for the Free Democrats, juoior partners in the ruling coalinon, says investors should not worry because those who take a concession and use it well will have good chances of extending it.

Mr. Ledenyi believes the greater problem for potential investors will be to find

Sharaa: Peres man of peace (Continued from page 1)

Referring to concerns that radical leaders of the Lebanese resistance, led by the pro-Iranian Hizbollah party which is fighting Israeli troops in south Lebanon. would carry the fight to Israel after peace was signed, Mr. Sharaa said: 'The Americans md Israelis fear and talk of the possibility of a schism in the resistance, that there would be radical leaders who reject stopping resistance operations because the goal is In liberate) Jerusalem nor

"But if the result the resistance is seeking is achieved -meaning the liberation of the land from occupation - then Syria can play its role to convince the resistance that its aims have been achieved," he said.

Syria, has 35,000 troops in Lebanon and is the country's main power broker. It wields influence over Hizbollah (party of God) and other Lebanese and Palestinian faetions fighting Israeli troops occupying a border zone in

only south Lebanon." Engineers stage protest

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at politicising the associations to the detriment of the prolession itself and overlooking the general interest," the statement added. "Were it not for the political circumstances that prevailed then, our aspired goals would have ocen achieved."

But from now on, the engineers stressed during the gathering, they will not relinquish their rights. While they called for a separation of politics from professional work, they said they wanted to maintain the gains they acquired during the years. They appealed for an amendment to the existing laws but insisted that changes should go hand in hand with the

preservation of their rights. "It is time that we put an end to all the malpractices, indifference that have negalively influenced the major-" said Ali Obeidat. "The Titure of the association is in danger. Today is your day...

defend your association... defend your country. Another speaker, Basem

Zawaideh, accused the successive administrative bodies of the Engineers Association of having been involved in polities and of having used the name of the association for their own political objec-

"Although there are now political parties and a legislative authority and various forums from which individuals can practise politics, the politicised minority have used the association for their purposes until it deviated from its assigned role," Mr. Zawaideh said. "We as a majority, have to make a move to preserve our rights and our gains especially the pension fund and health in-

One of the participants. Ibrahim Hiyasat, called on the majority to be more active. He said that most of the decisions and resolutions taken by the general assembly were unconstitutional since they were not approved by the majority of the engineers but remain accepted because the majority does

and churches.

Members of parliament consultant Atrila Ledenyi.
"With this all-party deal,

the public assumes the bickering is finally over. If they start picking on the details in parliament, people aren't

Ledenyi says that after

tion to 85 per cent.
Critics of the bill say that

enough advertisers.

'With five national channels for such a small country there could be too much space to fill," he says.

IN SO many ways they are similar, Both are hig men of a certain age, bahyboomers with luxuriant silver thatches, just starting to run to seed. Both are southerners and products of dysfunctional families. Both are fodder for every armchair psychologist in the land. They are a quick and clever pair, who can talk the hind legs off a donkey. They adore advertising their in-telligence, even if the price is a certain economy with the truth, Neither, though. is a paragon of mural recti-tude, which is why neither

is wholly trusted. And

together they have arrived

at the pinnacle of American

politics - the first Demo-

cratic President in half a generation, and the Republican who is the most powerful House Speaker in recent memory. Today, however, in the great budget war of 1995. Bill Clinton and Newt Gingrich are engaged in

perhaps the defining in

lives.

combat of their political

A government shutdown is an only-in-Washington uffair, Elsewhere it might be the precursor of a coup. Here it is Kakfaesque rite of autumn, happening on average every couple of years (to be precise nine times since 1981), whenever Congress and the White Huuse fail to agree on the hudget. Normally, they end after a few hours, at most a few days. But 1995 may be different. Behind the childish fingerwagging, the negotiation by insult that has most Americans yearning anew for Colin Powell and wondering what they did to deserve so malfunctioning a polity, huge and intertwined interests are at

competing visions of America's future

These include some of the most distinguished careers in Washington and quite possibly the presidenev itself - hut beyond even that, two competing visions of society. A year before he faces re-election, Mr. Clinton has established himself as defender of an old Democratic idea of America, tracing its roots to Franklin Roosevelt's New

Deal and Lyndon Johnson's vision of a Great Society. Ranged against it is the publican Revolution of 1994, whose walking. talking embodiment is

Gingrich. The collision has been inevitable ever since Nov. 8 last year, when the Republicans rode a wave of disgust with business-us-usual in Washington to capture control of Congress for the first time in 40 years. For once, an American political party had a manifesto, the Contract with America, setting out the Republicans plans to roll back government, return powers to the states and - though no one paid much attention at the time - to balance the federal hudget in seven years. And for once, in Gingrich, a political, party had a man absolutely deter-mined to push its "contract" through. In technical terms, the

present impasse is a nightmare to explain: a jungle of such abstruse notions as continuing resolutions. 13 separate appropriations hills and Section B Medicare - not to mention contending expert hudget projections stretching into the next millennium, which in fact may offer ground for the compromise that must finally come. Peer through the farest and pick out the trees, though, and the struggle becomes clear cut. and titanic.

Behind the bickering lie two competing concepts of a government's role in society. Clinton's vetues this week of bills that would have given the government temporary authority to horrow and spend money and which have sent 800,000 federal workers home -- were hut a tiny foretaste of what is to come. Any day now we will get to the meat of the maiter: the giant "reconciliation bill" which the Republicans are preparing to send to the White House, containing their plan to cut planned spending by \$1,000bn, and taxes by \$245bn, and balance the

more than a bill, this is the hible of the New Republicanism Mr. Clinton will surely veto it on the spot. In doing so, he will set out the ground on which the 1996

election will be fought. To measure the moment, consider what is in truth a sideshow to the main event: the predicament of Bob Dole. Careers come scarce. ly more distinguished than his; senator for 27 years. minority leader, majority leader, presidential candinow favourite for the Republican nomination next year. But at his obligatory appearances with Gingrich to rail hudget invective on the White House, the

majority leader's twitchy discomfort is plain to see. Left to a deal-making pragmatist such as Bob Dole. the dispute would long since have been settled. Instead, he watches in the knowledge that his chances of victory in 1996 do not lie in his hands. He may he the Republican candidate, but Gingrich, not he, is Republicanism made flesh. And Gingrich, to put it mildly, is not loved.

A year after the 1994 election, political Washingion may still be besomed by him. Not so the country at

somehow overlook - the harsh voice that tears apart opponents as a pneumatic drill rips up asphalt, the lack of evident compassion for the needy of society, his doctrinaire glibness, on occasion his sheer silliness. Twelve months, ago, he offered refreshing -astring-ency and new ideas. Now, more frequently, he gets on people's nerves. No U.S. politician nas nigher di approval ratings. Gingrich muses of a presidential run. but if the polls are right, he would he trounced not only by Mr. Clinton but also in the Republican primaries. supposedly dominated by the very right-wing activists who hang on his every

large, ever more alienated

by the Gingrich that his

devotees in the capital

rich's own presidential elec-And thus unfolds a classic contest between two political stereotypes, the warrior against the healer. To prevail, both must borrow from the persona of the other. Mr. Clinton has to show that, contrary to public perception, there are principles he will not ahandon, that there is steel, not

just putty, in his spine. The

utterance. Rather, this bat-

tle over the budget is Ging-

task of Gingrich the warrior is exactly opposite - to ordinary people, that he can deliver a deal as well as a soundbite.

So far at least, Mr. Clin-

ion is winning. He has the advantage of being a single voice from the pulpit of the White House, speaking "on hehalf of the American people" - a fai more paient formula than the multiperson Republican choir wheeled out to respond in the Congressional press room. Skilfully, he has defined the argument, playing the Republicans in general. and Gingrich in particular. as extremist ideologues bent on destroying the Medicare and Medicaid federal health schemes for the elderly and the poor, removing the welfare safety net and doing away with basic work safety and environmental regulations all for tax cuts that will benefit the rich. Clinton's tactics are working. By a according to a poll yesterday, the public blames Congress rather than the president for the country's trou-

But the equation may change if the deadlock continues. Until now. Mr. Clinton has got away with simp-ly saying no. With the reconciliation bill, he will have to come up with ideas of his own, and explain how he plans to halance the hudget, a goal as unassailable as motherhood. If the public starts to shift blame in his direction, today's resolve may weaken. If so, it would not be the making of a President Gingrich, But it could mean the end of President Clinton.

The Independent.

Reconciliation a distant prospect in Rwanda

By Elif Kaban Reuter

KIGALI - "Wake up, take up your arms, go strike the enemy, keep fighting, vie-tory is near, wake up, child soldiers wake up, adult sol-

diers forward to Kigali." Waking up for the first time in Rwanda's capital Kigali to the sudden rhythmic stamping of soldiers' boots and their war songs at five each morning is not for the faint-hearted.

A neighbour later explains apologetically: "Our soldiers are doing their ex-ercise. Did you like the tune this morning?"

As the sun rises behind Kigali's hills, troops of the Tutsi-led Rwanda Patriotic Army (RPA) jog through the city. A soldier in each squad keeps up the beat with a piercing whistle.

War songs at dawn are bard to fit in with the message of reconciliation preached by Rwanda's new

government since last year's genocide when up to a million Tutsis and Hutu moderates were hacked to death by Hutu militant troops, militiamen and mobs.

But reconciliation is proving a tough task for a nation of survivors from the Tutsi minority and Hutu majority, each exiled successively in political turmoil and wars since the 1950s.

In Kigali it is hard to find a single Rwandan who lost no family in the 1994 slaughter. Children as young as seven years old admit taking part in the slaughter and languish in prison.

"The world assumes Rwandans are trees you can nail together or blocks of bricks you can stick together. We are talking human beings. How can they expect us to forget?"

says a government official.

On Kigali's avenues lined

with bougainvillea and

young women with missing limbs or hands are common, survivors of one of the century's worst mass kill-

hudget - all by 2002. Far

Government offices are barren: computers, copiers and other equipment were looted by officials of the overthrown Hutu govern-

Deputy Social Affairs Minister Theodore Simburudali sits in his office, the wind blowing in through the smashed windows.

"We have no money to pay our staff," he says. He earns \$65 a month, enough to buy 20 kg of meat. Most people are jobless and even the employed earn a fraction of their needs.

Of \$1.1 billion pledged by donors to rebuild the tiny Celatral African country, the government received barely a drop.

"If you count the millions of dollars passing here everyday, what has it done for our people's suffering?"

Mugambage, head of the president's cabinet office.

Such resentment is easy to understand, warching aid workers eruising down Kigali's hilly streets in cost-ly four-wheel-drive vehicles and daneing the night away under the pink neon lights of the disco Cadillae with walkie-talkie handsets on

their hips. "A lot of foreigners who couldn't find a job in Europe or America flocked to Rwanda. Refugees is a lucrative business," says government spokesman Major Wilson Rutayisire Bitterly.

There are no eivilian police and arrests are the work of badly paid young soldiers with their own discipline problems.

"We don't have a single policeman. We don't have enough typewriters, paper or cars. Of course, we have to rely on the army," says Deputy Interior Minister

"Two-thirds of our sol-

diers are related to genocide victims. There are acts of revenge, but given the scale of the tragedy that befell us, our military is super-disciplined," he adds Most soldiers appear well-behaved, but there are

signs that some act with complere military impunity although the government is at pains to stress that these are only isolated incidents. A Tutsi taxi driver home from exile in Burundi asks

for three times the normal fare for a trip. Having failed to get enough, he later turns up with his gun-toting soldier brother. U.N. human rights offi-

cials say more than 20 people still come to their office in Kigali daily to report disappearances, rapes, arbitrary arrests and other human rights abuses.

One incident under investigation is that of a

woman of mixed ethnicity alleged to have been snatched by a soldier from a market at gunpoint, taken to an empty house, raped for two days and made to sign a statement saying she took part in the genocide.

The woman bas a doctor's report confirming she was raped but says she is too scared to report the "If he finds out, he will kill me," she whispers in

"Reconciliation is a meaningless word when the organisers of the genocide

live openly abroad," says Mr. Mutsindashyaka. "We have two million genocide suspects abroad and a million inside the country. We must talk to these people and work with these people because we don't have evidence against them. All the witnesses are

hibiseus, children and Peres says Israel committed to peace

(Continued from page 1) Mr. Rabin had wanted to secure agreement first on security arrangements to accompany an eventual with-

drawal from the Golan Heights. Mr. Ross said before leaving Israel: "I am very pleased by the nature of the discus-

sion. It was thorough, intensive and very useful. I am convinced that Israel wants to move these talks forward."

The United States has been acting as a go-between, while direct negotiations have only been held so far between chiefs-of-staff, umbassadors

and delegations.

Mr. Ross may return to Istael and Syria shortly after the new Israeli cabinet is ratified on Wednesday and ahead of a visit by Mr. Peres

to Washington. An Israeli government official said Mr. Ross had been hoping to fix a meeting between Mr. Peres and Farouk

Sharaa, on the sidelines of the European-Mediterranean conference in Barcelona at the end of the month.

But Syrian Vice President Abdul Halim Khaddam also ruled out raising the level of the negotiations, in an internew with Rudio Monte-Carlo, monitnted in Cyprus. Bosnia talks inch on (Continued from page 1) the Serb delegation made

fresh demands for territory. There was no secondaryconfirmation of that explanation.

The main lines of a peace accord have been agreed, but there are differences remaining concerning the map, according to reports here. In Sarajevo, a Bosnian

Foreign Ministry official predicted there would be no agreement announced in

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to try them all,"

"I am not optimistic that

we will have a deal today in Dayton but 1 am confident that this peace process will end up with a solution," Mir-22 Hajric, a foreign ministry spokesman said Monday.

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World Bank chief urges social programme lending

FRANKFURT (R) — World Bank President James Wolfensohn urged nations Sunday to make contributions to support the world's poorest countries and stressed more funds should be earmarked for social programmes.

'Investment in social programmes is not just the dessert after a good dinner but rather integral to intelligent lending," Mr. Wolfensohn told a group of bankers before a visit to Bonn.

Emphasising that people needed health care and education all over the world, Mr. Wolfensohn said "the greatest antagonist to the return on capital is political instability.

These benefits were especially important for nations moving from a command economy to a market economy as people often suffered from the hardships of transition.

"It is tremendously important to support this as people move from one system to

another," Mr. Wolfensohn

said, warning that if people

are unhappy they will use

their votes and guns to ex-Mr. Wolfensohn also urged nations to give generously to the International Develop-ment Agency (IDA) which makes interest-free loans to

the world's poorest countries. He noted that Germany had always been an important contributor to the World Bank and its associated agen-

Annual contributions to the IDA are around \$6 billion but Mr. Wolfensohn said these may be reduced as nations try to curb budget deficits.

Mr. Wolfensohn acknowledged that it was difficult to coax nations into making large contributions to the IDA as "they are not lending (the money) but giving it

EU, Israel sign key association accord

BRUSSELS (R) — Acting Israeli Prime Minister Shimon Peres signed a key trade and cooperation deal with the European Union (EU) Monday, putting another brick in the wall of security the EU is

The deal, which replaces a pact dating from 1975, was struck in July after EU foreign ministers negotiated their way round Spanish worries over imports of oranges. Ausirian fears about apple juice imports. French difficulties with foie gras and maize and an agreement allowing Israel to sit on EU research and development committees.

Israel, which will be contributing to the bloc's Research and Development Fund. has won a seat on the various committees but will not be allowed to vote.

The pact is part of the EU's deepen its links with countries along its southern flank in an attempt to create a zone of stability in the region and eventually a Euro-Mediterranean free trade Israel will be among 12

non-EU Mediterranean countries taking part in a meeting with the EU's 15 nations in Barcelona on Nov. 27 and 28 to set out the new

Weak oil prices put pressure on OPEC to freeze quotas

VIENNA (R) — Ministers from states allied to OPEC linchpin Saudi Arabia arrived in Vienna Mnnday for new OPEC talks on a weak world oil market saying they were seeking a freeze of current production quotas to defend prices in 1996.

Those to urge such a "roll over" of a quota pact that was introduced by the Organisation of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) in 1993 included the United Arab Emirates and Oatar. key Gulf allies of the world's

biggest exporter.

"We don't want any pressures which lower the price." said Oil Minister Abdullah Bin Hamad Al Attivah of Oatar who favours a six-

month extension of quotas at Tuesday's ministerial talks. An increase in OPEC

supply just as volume from non-OPEC sellers like Britain and Norway is also predicted to rise would risk a new drop in oil prices, industry analysts agree.

Even a freeze isn't likely to tighten markets enough to get them to an OPEC goal of \$21 per barrel, from below fn real terms, they are

scarcely better on the eve of Tuesday's 99th OPEC conference than they were when OPEC was founded in Baghdad 35 years ago.

But the option of a cut in OPEC production is likely to elude the ministers.

Saudi Arabia is concerned that an OPEC cut would mean that those exporters who do not belong to it would just boost output a bit more and poach its market where and also that some OPEC members would sign up to quota cuts then cheat.

The Saudis and Kuwait have expressed "indignation" to fellow founder-member Venezuela for its alleged above-quota output, the au-thoritative Middle East Eco-nomic Survey (MEES) newsletter said Monday.
Current OPEC output ex-

ceeds its agreed ceiling of 24.52 million barrels daily by about one million. monitors

OPEC Secretary-General

Rilwanu Lukman of Nigeria was Mnnday jnining a meeting of a quota compliance committee of ministers of Kuwait, the United Arab Emirates and Nigeria.

OPEC is caught in a trap that, ironically, is of its nwn making. Oil demand is. in fact, going up, not down, ft is seen at an historic high in 1996 above 71 million bar-Also going up. however, is output by non-OPEC sellers like North Sea exporters Bri-

tain and Norway. Prices may be low. and OPEC discipline ragged. But it at least keeps them at levels where it's profitable for oil companies to

drill extra volume. OPEC is like a trade union on a job where most workers don't belong. It fights the boss. Others get a free ride. Even with a quota freeze. it will be ceding to others

most of the revenue from meeting next year's jump in oil usage. A likely rise of 1.6 million barrels in demand, says the West's International Energy Agency, will be more than

matched by a gain of 1.8 million in non-OPEC supply. Appeals to Britain, Norway and others to join supply curbs haven't worked. Saudi Arabia tried in the 1980s to coerce them. It opened its taps, created a glut and crashed prices to \$10.

But the British under free marketeering prime minister

Margaret Thatcher called its bluff and refused to cut North Sea volume. OPEC soon had Margar St. 2

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Sony to enter home PC market in tie-up with Intel total revenues.

TOKYO (R) — Sony Corp. facing shrinking profits in its core audiovisual business. said Tuesday it would begin making home-use personal computers (PCs) in an alliance with U.S. chip-making giant Intel Corp.

The Japanese consumer electronics conglomerate said it had agreed with Intel to begin joint development of hardware and software architectures and key devices consumer electronics market." Sony President Nobuyuki Idei said in a state-

WASHINGTON (AFP) -

South Asia must move boldly

toward economic liberalisa-

tion to benefit from the post-

Uruguay Round global mar-

ket, the World Bank said in a

The Uruguay Round of

talks under the General

Agreement on Tariffs and

Trade (GATT) will likely

generate \$7 billion annually

in income gains for South Asia in 1992 dollars, raising

economic output by two per

cent and real wages by 2.5

But the World Bank report

called for Bangladesh, India,

Pakistan, and Sri Lanka to

accelerate major trade re-

form programmes already

per cent, it said.

new study on the region.

Sony plans to introduce its first model of home-use PC in the U.S. market in the autumn of 1996, and in Japan and Europe later. "The move of PCs into the

home, combined with the digitisation of the consumer audio/video industry, is lead-ing to the birth of a new

South Asia must take bold steps to

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Intel President Andrew Grove said in the statement that combining Sony's consumer electronics expertise with Intel's computer technologies would create PCs with new features.

The alliance marks a major change for Sony, which pros-pered in the past largely by making audiovisual equip-

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er, profits from audiovisual products have plunged because of stiff competition and sluggish demand in some mafor markets, even as earnings from Sony's PC-related equipment - floppy disk drives, CD-ROM drives, displays and semiconductors have soared.

Analysts said Sony's decision recognised a dominant trend in the electronics indus-- the integration of audio, video, communications and computing technologies in PCs, which are enjoying massive sales growth in the United States and Japan,

"As PCs move into the home, home electronics makers who do not produce PCs are only destined to drop out of the market," said Yoshi-haru Izumi, an analyst at UBS Securities.

A Snny spokeswoman said: "We will target consumers in general. Our goal is to de-

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velop a PC which can be operated as easily as a televi-

But analysts do not expect Sony to make quick profits from the PC business, as price cutting competition among PC makers is intensifying worldwide and narrowing profit margins.

Naoki Sato, an analyst at Merill Lynch Japan, said the alliance was good news for fntel, as it would likely expand sales of its microprocessors under Sony's popular brand name.

But for Sony, it will be hard to make money by just assembling PCs from Intelmade components," Mr. Sato

Sony now makes corporate-use PCs and workstations under its own brand name in Japan, and supplies notebook PCs to U.S. makers for sale under their brands. The Sony spokeswoman said its computer business has so far performed poorly, and its sales account for a very small fraction of

THAT SCRAMBLEO WORD GAME

by Henri Amold and Mike Argin

Sony said it had not yet decided the type, price and sales and production targets for its home-use PC, but may equip the model with a nextgeneration optical disc drive based on the digital video disc (DVD) standard, instead

of a conventional CD-ROM Sony's decision is in line with moves by other Japanese electronics makers into the U.S. PC market. Earlier this month, Hitachi Ltd announced a plan to enter the North American PC market with the spring 1996 introduction of notebook products. Fujitsu Ltd is also

In the July-September quarter of this business year, sales of PC-related equipment accounted for some 30 per cent of Sony's group sales of 1.15 trillion yen (\$11.5 billion).

considering entering the U.S.

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FORECAST FOR TUES-DAY, NOVEMBER 21, 1995

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LIBRA: (September 23 to October 22) Get outside responsibilities well-handled during the daytime today, but tonight it is best to stay at home relaxing quietly with your loved ones.

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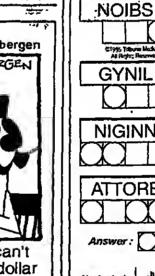
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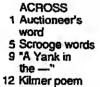
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Jordan seeks to set up international trade fair

By a Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN - His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan. the Regent. Monday said that Jordan was interested in hosting an annual infernational fair similar to other world

Speaking during a meeting at the Royal Court with Philip Persin, the president of the Belgian Flanders internanonal fair, the Regent said that the Jordanian Exports Development and Commercial Centres Corporation (JEDCO) will be ready to cooperate with the Belgian organisers to hold a similar exhibition in Amman to help promote exports, the Jordan News Agency, Petra, reported.

Prince Hassan said Jordan hopes that a fair of international standards in Jordan would contain all the necessary equipment and facilities | Jordan Times that the idea of required for such a fair and include a conference centre. conference halls, hotels and

appreciation for Jordan's week-long participation in last summer's Flunders fair during which Jordanian products were displayed and areas for investment in the Ringdom, especially in tourism, were highlighted.

Mr. Persin said that the Flanders fair has helped Jordanian products to he marketed in Belgium and helped to increase the number of Belgian tourists visiting Jordan.
Mr. Persin also briefed the

Regent on ideas for a proiected international fair to be set up in Jordan in coopera-tion with JEDCO. JEDCO Director General Mohammad Halaigah attended the meeting, and later fold the

Jordan to sign 4 contracts with international firms this month

By Mamdouh Hawamdeh Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN - Water and Irrigation Minister Saleh Irsheidat announced Monday thar four international firms will this month sign contracts with Jordan to build four major tourist facilities near the Dead Sea at the estimated total cost of \$150 mil-

In a statement to the Jordan Times and Al Ra'i, the minister said that these projects will include four or fivestar hotels at Sweimeh close to the Dead Sea which will

create 1,200 permanent jobs. The projects, said the minister, will be carried out in joint partnerships involving Jordanian, American, French and German com-

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other essential utilities. Mr. Persin expressed his

Dr. Irsheidat said that the projects will come as a direct benefit of the Amman economic summit which drew artention of world firms to areas in Jordan where poten-

tial investments are viable. He noted that the managers of the foreign companies will arrive in Amman in the coming two days to sign the contracts for these schemes adding that work on the projects will start early next

The Council of Ministers last week gave its consent to the implementation of these projects upon a recommendation from the Jordan Valley Authority and a ministerial committee which studied the plans and set the terms for these investments.

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According to Dr. Halaiga. Belgium extended similar help to Tunisia in creating its

He noted that Mr. Persin, who met duting his week long visit with the members of the chambers of industry and commerce, will report to IEDCO the final proposals

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A review of news from the Arabic press

BORN ON Nov. 19, 1994, the Business World Trade Centres throughout the region Daily Beat is now one year old and still and to have the existing centres work closely growing. The Jordan Times hopes that with ES-MENAES in providing information. this section has been informative, interest- training, communication, contacts and other ing and useful to its readers. On this services necessary to stimulate international occasion, your daily encourages and urges trade in the area. "WTC Network will be all local companies and establishments to emphasised as an important tonl to accomsend their latest news and activities to Samir Ghawi, the economy editor in Samir Ghawi, the economy editor, in organisations will promote international business and economic news.

Cabinet gives financial assistance to municipalities

THE COUNCIL of Ministers decided to extend JD 2 million in loans without interest to municipal councils having budget deficits. The Cabinet also decided to torgive the municipal councils 25 per cent of the interest Bank. Another decision was the approval to increase buying and selling prices for local grains during the coming agricultural season Al Dustourt.

Work on Karak-Oatraneh road to begin in few weeks

The Ministry of Public Works and Housing has completed the necessary technical studies to improve and widen the road between Karak and Qatrangh at the cost of about JD 26 million. The project, which will implemented within the coming few weeks and is expected to be completed by the end of 1988 (Al Raji).

Regional trade boosted

 ★★ THE World Trade Centres Association general of the Executive Secretariat of the during a meeting Dr. Nabulsi had with the Middle East and North Africa Economic prime minister on Nov. 12, 1995. The gov-Summit (ES-MENAES). Mustafa Terrab, ernor resigned several times during the past have signed a formal agreement of cooperativelye months but this time "it is final." Dr. World Trade Centre, the goal of the agree- and responsibilities be transferred in due time ment is to encourage the establishment of (Al Ra's).

order to expand the coverage of Jordan's trade, encourage joint venture activities and help technology transfer among the countries of the region.

Qudah: Time not appropriate to free prices

MINISTER OF Supply Ade! Qudah rold a group of foodstutt traders that the time was not appropriate now to free prices. He indicated that the ministry did not consider fixing owed to the Cities and Villages Development prices as a magic solution but that it is a means of controlling chaotic price. Mr. Qudah explained that the Ministry of Supply does not hold on to the price fixing policy or insists on it in an absolute manner but it still is a suitable means to protect the consumer from uncontrollable prices and, at the same time look after the interest of traders, importers and industrialists in the private sector. "Floating prices can be considered provided that legislations banning monopolies and protecting the consumer are in place." Mr. Oudah Stressed. The traders asked the minister to reduce the period of six months under which prises should be tixed before being reconsidered again and the minister promised to study the include constructing two additional lanes for a request in light of international price movetotal length of 33 kilometres, will stan being ments and other elements related to unport procedures (Ai Ra'it...

Nabulsi resigns

** MOHAMMAD SAEED Nabulsi, governor of the Central Bank, submitted his resignation as of Dec. 31, 1995. The resigna-(WTCA) President Guy Tozzoli and secretary tion, dated Nov. 9, 1995, was presented tion for promoting international business acti- Nabulsi recommended in his letter of resignaities in the region. According to Ousama tion that a new governor be appointed early Ghannoum, general manager of the Amman, and before he leaves office so that authorages

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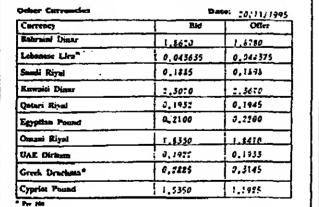












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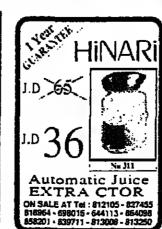
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Ajax Amsterdam Jari Litmanen Icentre) is challenged by FC Groninger players Arjan Blaauw and Roel Liefden

(right) during the Dutch first division (AFP photo) Barcelona take top spot in Spain

lona shot to the top of the Spanish table at the weekend but may have paid a high

price for their success. Barcelona grabbed the lead from Atletico Madrid on goal difference after a 3-0 win over Albacete thanks to goals from Romanians Gheorghe Hagi and Gheorghe Popescu. and Croatian Robert Prosinecki.

But, on the down side, Prosinecki was sent off for handball shortly after scoring, and Hagi needed four stitches in his head after clashing with an opponent.

In another eventful match. Real Madrid upset archrivals and Spanish league teaders Atletico Madrid 1-0 Atletico's first loss in 13 league

Gonzalez Raul's ninth minute goal was enough to oust Atletico, who were reduced to 10 men when Jose Luis Caminero was sent off in the 54th minute for a second bookable offence.

Referee Diaz Vega had a busy time as he showed nine yellow cards and one red in the fixture, watched by 107,000 spectators in the Bernabeu stadium.

Espanol later joined Barcelona and Atletico on 30 points with a winner away 10 Merida four minutes from time from their Paraguayan striker Benitez, but they have a poorer goal differential than the other two.

Meanwhile it was a good night for Sevilla as Betis won 3-I at home to Real Sociedad and Sevilla won 1-0 at Real

aragoza. into second place by routing Parma's 17-year-old de- St. Etienne 5-0 away.

ZURICH IR1 -- World soc-

cer leaders on Monday en-

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ture of the sport

butants keeper Gianluigi Buffon kept AC Milan at bay to ensure Italy's two premier teams remain neck-and-neck in the title race.

Milan, who drew 0-0 at Parma despite welcoming back World Cup star Roberto Baggio and Liberian George Weah from injury, could not find a breakthrough against Parma's substitute keeper.

Buffon, who played in place of Luca Bucci, excelled himself against the former European champions and there is still nothing to separate Italy's two premier

Both sides have 21 points after 10 matches with an identical goal difference of 16 for and nine against.

As the leading two were deadlocked, Juventus, who have started the season slowly, gained some ground.

Alessandro Del Pierro scored for the defending champions, just seventh at the start of the day, in a 1-0 win over Fiorentina to foil their chances of going top with a win.

And Lazio took advantage of Fiorentina's misfortune to oust them from third spot after a 2-1 home victory over Cremonese.

Hollano's Aron Winter and Pierluigi Casiraghi put Lazio two up before a Riccardo Maspero penalty pulled one back for the visitors.

Paris Saint Germain are guaranteed top spot in the French championship at the halfway stage of the season following their 0-0 draw at Lille. while Auxerre vaulted

ters of FIFA, the presidents

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erations adopted a series of

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FIFA leaders endorse UEFA reform plans

appearance as a late substi-Metz, the early pacesetters, drew 0-0 at Guingamp to squeeze into third place almost immediately as Dortahead of Lens. who also had

PSG are four points clear of Auxerre after 18 matches, one away from the 19th round of fixtures signalling the halfway stage of the sea-

goalless draw at Montpel-

Following their loss in the Brittany derby at Rennes. Guingamp failed to bounce back and beat Metz, who stopped the rot after a run of

Metz's well organised de-

fence, marshalled by skipper

Guingamp at bay, though the

home side did have one great

Meanwhile Nantes thank-

ed Chad's Japhet N'Dorman

for a late equaliser as they

drew 2-2 at home to Rennes.

mund and Bayern Munich

stamped their authority in the

German Bundesliga as they

widened the gap from the

Champions Dortmund. who just hung on to win the

title last season, thrashed SC

Karlsruhe 4-1, while Bavern

Munich heat Werder Bremen

2-0. Both the leading sides

had heroes to welcome back.

Kohler and Matthias Sammer

got on the scoresheet for

Dortmund before Karlheinz

Riedle, returning after six

months away with a cruciate

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FIFA General Secretary

Sepp Blatter told a news con-

ference after the meeting that

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The auction was routine except for West opening a four card major, something unlikely to happen these days. To but fewer than four spades on the South cards would have been too pusillanimous for words.

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EUROPEAN SOCCER The top two, who are level

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meanwhile welcoming back

Lothar Matthaus after 10

months away, and were con-

vincing winners at the Olym-

pic stadium with goals from

Jurgen Klinsmann and Alex-

Matthaus, who tore his

Achilles tendon, played the

full 90 minutes in a comeback

match watched by 63,000.

ander Zickler.

mund extended their un-

beaten run to 11 matches.

In Amsterdam, Ajax Am sterdam strolled to a 4-1 victory over Groningen on Sunday, extending their un-beaten run in the Dutch first division to 49 games and taking their goal tally after 15 matches to an astonishing 55-

The combined efforts of Patrick Kluivert and Finnish international Jari Litmanen helped Ajax to an early 2-0

Litmanen laid on the first goal for Kluivert, who missed on his first attempt hut scored on the rebound in the 11th minute.

Nine minutes later Groningen midfielder Harris Huizingh was hooked for a foul on Kluivert in the penalty area and Litmanen scored from the ensuing penalty to make it 2-0.

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Arab Clubs Table Tennis Championship

JTTF chairman expresses pride in event

By Aleen Bannayan Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN - Two days remain for the conclusion of the Arah Cluhs Table Tennis Championship and the top four

teams are preparing for a final showdown for the title. While the 16 participating teams had a day off Tuesday. visiting the Dead Sea and places of interest in the capital. organisers were husy with technical details related to the hosting of such a regional championship.

In an interview with the Jordan Times, Jordan Table Tennis Federation (JTTF) Chairman Ismat Kurdi, expressed his pride in the tournament's success adding that the JTTF hoped this would he a turning point for the sport in

"This is the single largest gathering of Arah teams at such a championship. This fact was a strong incentive for the JTTF as we hosted the first Arah clubs championship."

"The JTTF wanted to organise the championship at this time when Jordan is celebrating His Majesty King Husspin's birthday. Because of this fact. Arah teams made it a point to ensure the participation of their top stars. It was only Algeria who pulled out at the last moment because of

technical difficulties. Dr. Kurdi noted that the JTTF had cooperated with participating Jordanian clubs to the maximum extent to ensure their hest preparation. "The JTTF made sure the Chinese coach of the Kingdom's national teams would be available to train each team twice weekly. In turn we fell clubs had a strong and serious interest in their teams. We feel table tennis in Jordan is making a turning point,"

During the championship, the Executive Committee of the Arab Federation held its meeting as several high

ranking officials of the game attended the event. While teams are paying their own expenses at the five-day championship. the JTTF is hosting certain officials of each country as well as members of the Arab Federation. Dr. Kurdi expressed his appreciation of the sponsors of the JTTF. like the ART, the Jordan Phosphate Mines Co. and the Arab Potash Company. He also added that Al Ittihad School made available its buses to transport the athletes of

Benzart's hopes dashed by Egyptian teams

By Aleen Bannayan

Jordan Times Staff Reporter AMMAN - The Women's team of Benzart Cluh is Tunisia's representative in the 5th Arab clubs championship. Despite the fact that the team has already lost its chance for the title. their results were impressive and proved they are a strong contender for any upcoming championships.

While Egyptian club Al

Zamalek won the first title in 1991, compatriots Al-Ahli dominated the next three championships and are on their way to their

fourth title. Benzart came to the championship hoping that Al Ahli's reign would end as they were represented by a new lineup and missed their top players Nihal Mishref and Wisam Abdul Fat-

In an interview with the Jordan Times. Benzart's coach Tawfiq Fliss said his team "came to Amman eyeing the title." He added however that their opponents could not be under-

estimated. That proved to be true. While Benzarı face titleholders Al Ahli Tuesday morning, they practically lost their title chances when they lost 3-0 to Al Zamalek, Competition leaders Al Ahli had shaken off their strongest contenders, compatriots Al Zamalek 3-0. Benzart's team includes 21-year-old Sonia Tweety who came in second in the African Games, Jihan BilHamada The state of state of property of state of

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kayeh and Afaf Nuwwar. Fliss praised the Jordanian teams and said they showed considerable improvement. "Jordanian players are clever players. They probably lack experience and cannot advance more hecause of little exposure to international events." he said.

Zamalek, Ahli clubs qualify to semis

By a Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN - Al Zamalek today join Ahli clubs from Egypt. Qatar and Saudi Arahia in the semifinal round of

the Arab Clubs Table Tennis Championship which concludes Wednesday. Titleholders Al Ahli of Egypt topped Group A after beating Saudi Aruhia's Ahli

3-(1 while Al Zamalek topped

Group B after beating Qatar's Al Ahli 3-1. Egypt's Al Ahli will now face Qatar's Al Ahli while Saudi Arabia's Al Ahli take on Al Zamalek in the semi-

final matches which start at the Sports Palace Tuesday morning. In matches deciding places 5 to 8 Jordan's Al Jazireh will face compatriots Al Orthodo-

xi while Kuwait's Al Jahra' meet Lebanon's Al Ma'ni. Late Sunday evening Al Orthodoxi scored their first win 3-0 over Palestine who finished last in Group A while Jordan's Al Jazireh finished third in Group A after beating Al Khartoum of Sudan 3-().

The men's semifinals will he preceeded by the women's matches which start at 9 a.m. when Jordan's Al Orthodoxi face Al Zamalek while Amman meet Lebanon's Ho-

Titleholders and competition leaders Al Ahli face Tunisia's Benzart in the final match at 4 p.m.

Al Ahli's women's team

seem set to retain their fourth consecutive title after their players displayed an impressive form defeating Al Zamalek 3-0. Al Zamalek had also defeated Benzart with the same result.

In the men's competition too. Titleholders Al Ahli and Al Zamalek, the only unbeaten teams, seem set for a showdown for the title. Al Ahli seem capable of beating Qatar while Al Zamalek'arc expected to overcome Saudi Women's team standings

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Becker still hungry for success

FRANKFURT (R) --- When Boris Becker won Wimhledon for the first time as a teenager 11) years ago he never thought he would still be earning his living hitting a hall across a tennis net in his

Becker is not only still playing as he approahes his 28th hirthday next week hut proved emphatically on Sunday that he can still win major titles with his third triumph at the ATP tour world championship.
The Germany's 7-6, 6-0,

7-0 victory over American Michael Chang in the final of the season-ending event was Becker's first major triumph since he won the Frankfurt championship in 1992. The 1995 Wimhledon final-

ist's last Grand Slam vicinry came in 1991 when he won the Australian Open.

The powerfully-huilt Becker is no longer the fresh-faced 17-year-old who became the youngest player in more than 100 years to win Wimbledon

Now a devoted father, the red-headed star is one of the most experienced players on

But the hunger for success still there lor the multimillionaire despite the fact he could retire tomorrow and never have to worry about money ever again. To tell you the truth, I didn't think [1] years ago that would still be playing." he said. "Those first couple nf years so many things happened to me professionally

and in my private life that I didn'i think I could last. "I didn't think that the desire for tennis could be greater than the loss of privacy... but somehow I managed to survive. I had my had years. I had my years when tennis was not my main prior-

"But in the back of my mind. I never gave up... never lost that hunger and 1 think that is the reason why I am still here. Sunday's victory was an

emotional one for Becker. Although he has received often unbearable attention in his homeland in the last decade. Becker has made the Frankfurt Festhalle his favourite court in Germany. Becker's home town of Leimen is just a short drive

After he failed to qualify for the event in 1993, many people started to write him off. There is often talk of his retirement in the German media, but Sunday's superb serve-and-volley performance no the fast court silenced the critics.

Becker said: "This is especially satisfying after) couldn't make the ATP final two years ago and basically the whole world wrote me off already. They started saying I was too old. But then I was

When you have had pain in your job before, the victories mean more. The stability of family life

with his wife Barbara and young son Noah Gahriel have

becoming the top player in the world rankings, a position he held hriefly in 1991. "Time does not stand still.

"As long as I'm a profes-sional I will always have the dream of heing number one." he said. "At the moment l can see Andre Agassi and Pete Sampras are that bit better than me. But I will try to get better."

certainly played a role in

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Becker still has a goal of

Leading ATP prize-money winners.

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McRae takes lead in RAC Rally

LEEDS (R) - Britain's Colin McRae swept into the lead in the RAC Rally with a commanding display on the opening stage of the second day on Monday.

McRae, chasing the world title, overcame an II-minute delay to the start of special stage eight at Hamsterley forest in county Durham following the death of a male spectator by powering to the fastest time.

McRae clocked 14 minutes 34 seconds for the 16.92-mile all-forest stage to take over the lead by 27 seconds and open up a 43-second advantage over title rival Carlos Sainz of Spain.

The 27-year-old, who

GUANGZHOU, China

reached Sunday night's over- knows that his advantage night stop in Leeds with a 14-second cushion, saw that immediately increased as Sainz finished in 15:03.

Overnight leader Tommi Makinen sluntped to sixth overall after his Mitsubishi hit suspension and tyre problems which saw him limp to the finish in 16:11.

McRae, who only needs to finish ahead of Subaru reammate Sainz to become Britain's first world rally champion, now leads Sweden's Kenneth Eriksson by 27 seconds in the overall stand-

But McRae, who went into the second day lying rhird.

could be wiped out on a single slage over the next three days, as demunstrated by Makinen.

> The start of rallying was delayed on Monday when a man collapsed and died before the start.

The spectator died. apparently from a heart attack while standing near the end of the eighth special stage at hamsterley forest in county Durham.

Two doctors and a team of paramedies employed by the rally organisers who were stationed nearby tried to save him, but he was pronounced

Suleymanoglu targets Atlanta history

(AFP) — Turkish strong-man Naim Sulcymanoglu has given himself one more chance to become the most successful weightlifter in the history of the sport. Suleymanoglu, 28, wbo on Sunday tied Soviet Vasili Alexeev's record of 22 world championships gold medals, said he would retire after the 1996 Atlanta

"You will see me in the compections for the last time in the United States next year," he said.

Suleymanoglu equalled Alexeev's string of 22 world championships victories by narrowly edging Valerios Leooidas of Greece in the 64kg category. In the fierce battle be-

tween the two lifters, Leonidis set a world record in the snatch, but soll lost the combined title oo body

Sulcymanoglu competed for Bulgaria until Turkey paid \$1 million for his release and Leonidis is a former Soviet.

After both lifters snatched 145kg oo their secood attempts, Suleymaooglu opted to try 147.5kg for his last lift, the world record he set at the world cham-

pionships last year. After Suleymanoglu had successfully equalled his own record, Leonidis elected to try 148kg, even though only multiples of 2.5kg can be used to decide competition rankings.

Thus despite Leonidis's successful world record attempt, the two lifters finished the snatch tied at 147.5kg. The battle conunued in the clean and jerk, with Suleymanoglu lifting 180kg on his first attempt.

Coventry

salvage

at QPR

LONDON (R) — Cuventry captain Dion Dublin earned his side a point with a 75th minute header to force a 1-1 draw against Queens Park

Raogers in an English Pre-mier League march on Sun-

day. QPR went ahead through

Simon Barker after 37 mi-

nutes and seemed to be head-

ng for the three points until

Dublin struck, giving QPR's

American goalkeeper

Juergen Sommer no chance

with his powerful close-range

bullet header.
It was Dublin's rhird goal

in three games but Coventry

have still won only one

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at home to Manchester city

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Turkish weightlifter Naim Suleymanogiu shows off his trophy after winning the 64kg class at the World Weightlifting Championships in China (AFP phot)

Leonidis tried 185kg twice, but failed both times, so with the two lifters tied with combined totals of 327.5kg, the victory went to Suleymanoglu on body

Chinese womeo corrtinued their dominaoce with a second world record on Monday. Chen Xiaomin jerked 123.5kg in the 59th category to crase the old mark set by compatriot Zou Feiel at last year's championships in Istanbul, the official Xinhua news agency

reported. Chen, who also bolds the

combined clean and jerk total of 220kg, set the re-cord — 0.5kg above the previous mark - on her third attempt. Chinese women have won two of the three gold medals so far awarded, with Guan Hong setting a snatch record in the 46kg category on the first day of competition.

NFL RESULTS NEW YORK (R) - Results of National Football League games played Sunday:

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Graf caps emotional year with WTA win

NEW YORK (R) - Anke Huber had planned to be enjoying a Caribbean vacation, but she gladly traded the sand and surf for a marathon battle with topranked Steffi Graf for the season-ending WTA Tour championship title Sunday.

And while it may have cost

her a few Pina Culadas, Huber very nearly won the tournament, stretching her fellow German to five sets before falling 6-1, 2-6, 6-1, 4-6, 6-3 in the final.

The 12th-ranked Huber fell a little short, but her future vacations will be sweeter with the \$250,000 she pocketed, and with the knowledge that she endured several days longer in the season finale than she figured she

"I was supposed to be there (in the Caribbean) by the middle of the week," Huber said. "I wanted ro go for vacation to the Caribbean, but I didn't know I was going to play until Sunday."

The 20-year-old baseline basher, one of three unseeded finalists in the tournament's history, managed ro push the top-ranked Graf around for an exciting two hours. 46 minutes.

Her longevity in the march was all the more astounding considering that she ventured to the court with a bad case of jitters, captured only four points in the first four games, and appeared to be on the verge of being overwhelmed by Graf.

"I was thinking, I hope it doesn't go on like this for three sets," Huber said about her poor start, "I was really, really nervous, I think everybody saw it. It was the first big final like that. I didn't know how to hold the racket in my hand,"

One person who noticed Huber's nervous state was her far more experienced opponent.



Top-seeded Steffi Graf of Germany has a hilster on ber right foot attended to by Kathleen Sioria, the WTA Tour director of

"You could feel she was nervous in the beginning," Graf said, "And you could sense she couldn't find her timing and was probably a little intimidated being in the

finals.՝ But Graf knew Huber had plenty of time to recover. "I thought to myself, it's not going to take long and in the best of five sets, she has time to recover.

Graf was correct in anticipating thar Huber, who dismissed fourth seed Mary Pierce and sixth seed Kimiko Date en route to the final, would blossom as the march progressed.

Her nerves calmed, Huber started to play smart tennis. cleverly moving Graf around the court. Graf has been hindered throughout the rournament with serious blisters on

Huber's record against Graf remains a dismal 0-for-But the gap is narrowing. "I shuwed myself that maybe I can beat her," Huber said. "I think it was never

that close (before). Sure, I

sports science and medicine during a break in the first set of the WTA Tour final (AFP photo)

showed myself something, ar the beginning." but I still didn't win. So it's still missing."

Huber, who will move to 10th in the rankings Monday, has spent much of her career living in Graf's shadow. Indeed, she was dubbed "the next Steffi" upon her arrival on the scene at 15 in 1989.

"It's rough when everybody compared you to Stef-Huber reflects. "She's somebody special. There's not a second Steffi coming up in the next hundred years, maybe. So it was very tough

Graf has sympathy for Huber given the inevitable comparisons she has had to face. "I'm sure it was at times difficult for her," Graf said.

"She has her own style,

and I hope that people by now have seen that. "She goes for her shots and she's running around trying for everything and showing a lot of guts.

"She's a different player," Graf added, pleading Huber's case as "one to really watch for.

Tritscher takes slalom,

Tomba winless

BEAVER CREEK, Culorado (R) - Austrian Michael Tritscher barely won the World Cup season's first slalom on Sunday as defending cup champion Alberto Tomba was still looking for his first victory three races into

the campaign. Nearly squandering all of the lead he carved after the first run. Tritscher finally prevailed with a time of 1:35.29 ro narrowly beat hard-charging Sebastion Amiez of France, timed in 1:35,32.

The slalom is Tomha's speciality but the Italian again struggled with his lagging conditioning and the Colorado altitude

Tomha made ir 10 the podium only when Michael Von Gruenigen of Switzerland, following a videorape review by the jury a half-hour after the race ended, was disqualified from his appa-rent third-place finish for missing a gate.

Tomba was timed in 1:35.45, remarkable when one considers that he believes himself two or three weeks away from reaching his

Kjetil Andre Aamodt led a Norwegian sweep of the next two positions. Temmare Lasse Kjus took over the early lead in the overall standings with his fifth-place finish. coupled with the disqualification of Von Gruenigen, who had won the two previous giant slalom races with Kjus finishing secund.

Tritscher, who had won just twice befure in a 10-year career, hailed this as his most dramatic victory after nearly lusing all uf his first-run lead over Amiez, who had been nu better than 10th.

This was just wild, to be strating last knowing that the man I had to heat had started so long before," Tritscher said of the continuing discord over the reverse-30 start order. This was such a demanding course, such incredibly lirm snuw."

Tritscher last season had tu wait almost to the end to win a Slalom at Furano, Japan, a race in which Tomba fell.

This time it was much more satisfying with Tomba on the podium. I felt I had achieved more." he said.

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Eight killed, 16 injured as Taliban jet bomb Kabul

KABUL (AFP) - At least eight civilians were killed and lo injured when a Taliban militia jet bombed a residential area in central Kabul Monday, hospital and army sources said.

The Taliban aircraft dropped two 500 kilogrammes explosives on the Shahrenow area of the besieged Afghan capital at around midday (0730 GMT), hitting six houses, witnesses and military officials said.

There was no independent confirmation of who was responsible for the bombing. Four ehildren - including a two-year-old boy and his 12-year-old sister — who had

been inside their family homes when the raid began. were among the dead, hospit-

Two of the dead children were a brother and a sister. This has destroyed their family." a doctor at the Wazir Ákbar Khan hospital told

Local residents and soldiers began picking through the craters and rubble left by the blasts in search of victims and survivors immediately after the air raid.

One man, supported by his neighbours, screamed and

RIYADH (AFP) — The British embassy said here Monday it had received a

warning from an unknown

militant group several months before last week's bombing of a U.S. military

The message was similar to

one sent to the U.S. embassy

by the Islamic Movement for

Change calling on American and British soldiers to leave

the country by July 1995, a

British embassy spokesman

Western diplomats said the

U.S. embassy received the

threats by fax in April and

June "We have received a

similar fax." according to the

British spokesman who asked

The embassy took into

account the threats during a

regular security review ear-

lier in the year, he said with-

KHARTOUM (AFP) — Sudanese President Omar Al

Beshir on Monday again ac-

cused Uganda and unnamed

"neighbouring" countries of conspiring against his regime

and backing the rebel Sudan

People's Liberation Army

Speaking at the opening

session of the Sudanese par-

liament. Mr. Beshir said his

government has "neutralised

the rebellion on the battleg-

round" and was now setting

out a programme for peace.

But he complained that

"those who oppose stability

and peace in Sudan are

attempting to rescue the re-

bellion from natural and objective death," and spoke

of a "conspiracy engineered

inside Uganda supported by

neighbouring and distant na-

General Beshir warned

that his country would defend

LONDON (R) — Britain said on Monday Libya had

answered a senes of ques-

tions about its links with the

Irish Republican Army

(IRA) in what it called a

positive step towards com-

plying with United Nations

resolutions to renounce ter-

But the Foreign Office said

Britain remained committed

to sanctions until Libya com-

plies with all U.N. demands

two Libyans accused of the

1988 bombing of a Pan

American airliner over Lock-

The answers clarified ear-

erbie, Scotland.

including handing over

(SPLA).

building in Saudi Arabia.

pile of debris that was once his home. looking for the man's three children who were buried under tonnes of earth and masonry.

Women wailed and moaned in the remains of a nearby house as they awaited news of their families, also buried under one of the six homes destroyed by the powerful bombs.

Rescuers warned that the death toll could still rise substantially as it was not known how many people had been inside the obliterated houses.

The other known dead included two women and a man who were either in or near the houses struck in the raid. hospital sources and witnes-

Among the 16 injured were two men in serious condition and a 17-year-old youth who suffered a shrapnel wound to

"We were in our house when my young daughter said she could see a jet in the sky," the boy's father said. "Before we knew what had happened a bomb had hit our house and there was debris and dust everywhere." he

added. The massive bombs left cried as rescuers dug into the gaping crates where family

British embassy received

warning before anti-U.S. blast

out providing details. "We

have taken extra precau-

British citizens living in Saudi

Arabia, but the embassy de-

clined to comment on Bri-

tain's military presence in the

troops to Saudi Arabia dur-

ing the U.S.-led military buil-

dup to free Kuwait from Iraqi

occupation in 1991 and has

since taken part in allied mis-sions to bar Iraqi aircraft

from flying over southern

The spokesman said the

fax was the first and only time

the embassy had heard from

the Islamic Movement for

U.S. embassy did not step up protection of U.S. buildings "because of the high level of

Beshir: Uganda, neighbours

conspiring against Sudan

attempts to violate those ter-

Earlier this month Sudan

accused Egyptian President

Hosni Mubarak and Ugan-

dan President Yoweri

Musevení of "plotting against

our Islamic orientation"

when the two leaders met in

Cairo on Nov. 2, charges Mr.

Mubarak dismissed as "com-

Khartoum claims Uganda

sent troops into Sudan to

back southern rebels there in

an offensive against rhe gov-

ernment that began in late

ties with Sudan in April,

accusing it in turn of support-

ing a Christian militant group

seeking to topple Mr.

Museveni. Eritrea has also

severed ties with Khartoum.

wise strained with Sudan,

which it has accused of back-

Libya answers British questions

on IRA but sanctions to continue

there were gaps in the new

answers, "but when the Li-

byan disclosures are taken in

their entirety, we are satisfied

that they have largely met

Britain is keen to draw a

line under the row over Li-

byan links to the IRA -

which fought a 25-year war to

oust Britain from Northern

Ireland but declared a cease-

fire 15 months ago in a bid to

join talks to agree a peace

British officials hope that

closing the file on the IRA

affair could bring London

and Tripoli closer to resolv-

ing the impasse over the

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settlement.

Egypt's relations are like-

Uganda broke diplomatic

pletely untrue."

Britain sent thousands of

There are estimated 30,000

houses had stood just minutes before in an area which has no major military installations or bases, apart from a small police station and a minor unfortified army

However, government artillery is located on a hift almost a kilometre away.

This was a random and

deliberata Taliban attack on a civilian area which was promoted by their frustration at not being able to hold their advances to the east of Kabul, army Commander Abdul Hefiz Fakhri told

The bombing came as the Taliban and the state army battled it out on the frontlines to the east of Kabul, which has been under siege from the Islamic militants for the past month.

The militia seized eight kilometres of government rerritory in a surprise attack Thursday, but were later repulsed from most of the captured asea. Heavy fighting has been underway in the

area fee, five days.

The are raid was the first in about a month, and was the first in thany months to have claimed civilian casualties. hospital staff said.

security" in Saudi Arabia. a

Change and another little-

known group. Tigers of the

Gulf, have claimed responsi-

bility for the Nov. 13 attack

on the U.S. building used to train the Saudi National

The Egyptian opposition newspaper Al Shaab re-ported later that the "Ansar

Allah" (Partisans of God) also said it carried out the

attack of the U.S. Office for the Programme Manager of

the Saudi Arabian National

icans and one Indian and

wounded up to 60 people.

have warned their citizens to

take extra security precau-

on Mr. Mubarak in the Ethiopian capital Addis Aba-

Despite his claims of have

ing "meturalised" rebel

forces the Sudanese head of

state also reiterated his gov-

ernment's willingness for

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within the framework of a

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Inter-Governmental Author-

ity for Drought and Develop-ment (IGADD) and affili-

ated Western nations, includ-

ing the United States and

In the wide-ranging

speech, broadcast on radio

and television, General

Beshir said his country's relanons with the Gulf states and

with the European Union

path which we hope it will

continue to follow." the

Foreign Office said.
But it added in a state-

ment: "Libya has answered

our questions in the context

of just one of a number of

demands placed on it by the

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U.N. sanctions against Libya

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The blast killed five Amer-

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Despite the threats, the the United States and Britain

"deal a lesson to anyone who ing an assassination attempt

ba in June.

The Islamic Movement for

Western diplomat said.

personalities who had made donations to the university's **EXCELLING STUDENTS: Prime Minis** studeots fund. The prime minister earlier met with the ter Sharif Zeid Ben Shaker Monday distributes meritoria university president and board and inspected the universicertificates to excelling students from the Jordan University ty's different departments (Petra photo) of Science and Technology in Irbid and a number of

Rabin's assassin appears in court, tells judge 'justice was done'

smiling assassin of Yitzhak Rabin told a court on Mnnday that justice had finally been done when he gunned down the prime minister at a peace rally here after several failed past attempts.

Yigal Amir, 25. said he had acted alone but on behalf of all Jewish people and tried to claim he was a political prisoner by saying Mr. Rabin was an "illegal" Jewish leader.

But he was cut off sharply by Judge Dan Arbel who said he refused to hear political speeches in the Tel Aviv courtroom and remanded him in custody until Nov. 30 for police investigations to be completed.

Mr. Amir also coolly admitted he had tried several times in the past to kill Mr.

"I made other attempts to murder the prime minister. 1 read in a paper that I did not perhaps alone, but the finger which pulled the trigger was not just mine.

"It belonged to all the pcople who for 2,000 years dreamed of their land, to all those thousands of Jews whose blood flowed for this land for generations past who wanted to come to live here."

Mr. Amir was caught im-mediately after the attack and seven other people are also in detention after police announced the arrest of a new suspect on Monday. Police spokesman Enc Bar

Chen said the unidentified 24-year-old was also a student at the Bar Ilan university where Mr. Amir studied law and would appear before a court on Tuesday. Mr. Amir was led into

court amid tight security with 10 anti-terrorist police agents armed with M-16 and Galil rifles in the court, along with

four border guards. He told how he revisited the place now renamed Yitzhak Rabin for a chilling police reconstruction on

When he saw small piles of stones placed in the prime minister's memory "it reminded me of the acts carried out by fanatics.
This country is full of fanatics. I had the feeling that justice had finally been

done."
"When Rabin saw these ypes of memorials he said These are the victims of peace'." referring to memorials placed after anti-Israeli attacks by Palestinian mili-

tants: It is a Jewish tradition to place small piles of stones in memory of a loved one. Throughout the hearing his mother Geula wept, while his father Shlomo bent his head

and muttered prayers, and at the end of the hearing stam-mered: "I am sorry, I'm sor-But in contrast Mr. Amir. who has not voiced one word

of regret since the assassination on Nov. 4. smiled and gestured to his parents and his sister. Judge Arbel said: "The police gave me a new list of

people implicated in this affair. The suspect denies nothing. He admits the assassination of Rabin as well as other failed attempts. The police ask to complete the inquiry to see if other suspects had links with the assassin'or the earlier attempts. Police representative Arieh Silberman told the court: "Yigal Amir is suspected of murder, attempted murder, possessing illegal

weapons and conspiracy." He stressed that investigarions into the assassination were almost complete but a few points still needed to be

cleared up. Asked by a jnumalist about reports that he acted with suspected Shin Beth informer Avashai Raviv, Mr. Amir said: "I don't care, all I know is that I acted alone."

Police are convinced the assassination was plotted by an extremist right-wing cell. and Israel has been rocked by revelations that Mr. Raviv. the head of the Eyal group to which Mr. Amir was also linked, was an informer for the security services.

A state inquiry on Sunday hegan to hear evidence from hundreds of witnesses to investigate the security failures surrounding the assassina-



China has 1 million rich, 70 million poor

BEUING (R) — China has more than one million millionaires and 70 million people who live below the people who live below the poverty line, the official people's daily newspaper said Monday. More than 70 million Chinese, mostly farmers, live below the poverty line, earning less than 300 yuan (\$36) per year, the paper quoted offi-cial statistics as saying. However, one million people have assets of more than one million yuan-(\$120,500), it said. China has unveiled an ambitious plan to bring 10 million out of poverty in each of the next seven years. By 1993, people with a high income accounted for two per cent of China's population of 1.2 billion, the newspaper said. It did not say how high their income was but their savings made up 30 per cent of total individual savings of urban residents. China collected a record 10.09 billion yuan (\$1.2 billion) in individual income tax in the first 10 months of 1995, an 82.2 per cent rise from the previous year, the newspaper

Wives quarrel over husband's corpse

MANILA (AFP) — Two women, each claiming to be the rightful wife of a dead man, have put authorities of a Manila bospital here in a quandary over who should get the corpse, newspapers reported here Monday, Myrna Pasos, 42 and Josefina Pasos, 35, both showed up at the Mary Johnston Hospital with marriage certificates proving that Ben Pasos, 46. wbo died of a heart attack busband. Hospital officials were quoted as saying they were more inclined to give the remains to the younger wife, since she was the one wbo brought the man to the hospital. The older wife, wed in 1979, would like the body buried in the northern suburb of Malabon, while the younger one, wed in 1989, hopes tn take the remains bome to the northern province of Pangasinan.

Woman fired for swearing wins compensation

AUCKLAND (R) — A New Zealand woman fired from her job in a cafe because her language was too coarse for patrons from a rugby team won 6,240 New Zealand dollars (\$4,050) in damages from Judge Barrie Travis said in his verdict that Carol Waugh had admitted swearing in the kitchen nf an establishment called the cafe, the bar and the casino. The rugby team, which used the cafe regularly, told the manager they would take their custom elsewhere if Waugh's bad lan- 4 guage continued.

Hysteria rises over bloodsucking beast

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Don't accuse anyone else" court dock for a remand (Reuters photo) Ekeus: Security Council united on Iraq Aziz, Bouchard discuss sanctions

have improved, pointing to the signing this year of bi-lateral deoperation agree-ment with five EU nations. BAGHDAD (Agencies) — Iraq's Deputy Prime Minister Tareq Aziz held talks with a senior French diplomat on Baghdad's relations with the U.N. Security Council, the Iraqi news agency INA reported on Monday.

INA said Denis Bouchard. who is head of the Middle East section at the French Foreign Ministry, arrived in

Baghdad on Sunday.

The meeting, conducted in a cordial and constructive atmosphere, dwelt on the exchange of viewpoints on Iraq's relations with the Security Council." INA said of Mr. Bouchard's talks with

Mr. Aziz. The official agency gave no further details. France advocates lifting

the ban on Iraqi oil exports once Baghdad meets United Nations demands on the annihilation of its weapons of mass destruction.

Under the terms ending the 1991 Gulf war over Kuwait, the oil embargo can-not be eased or lifted until Iraq meets all U.N. demands

U.N. officials in Baghdad say Rolf Ekeus, head of the U.N. Special Commission (UNSCOM) on Iraq. is due in Baghdad in a couple of

weeks for another round of talks on Iraqi disarmament. They also said at least two teams of U.N. inspectors would visit tray soon to eheck Iraqi data which exceeds 600,000 pages of written material.

year-old Jewish man who

confessed to assassinating

former Prime Minister

Yitzbak Rabin, looks up

from reading a paper pre-

sented to him by police

just as he arrives in the

They say the latest information provided by Iraq following the August defection of Licutenant-General Hussein Kamel Hassan tn Jordan is bound to delay the completion of their work.

Meanwhile in Kuwait, Mr. Ekeus said the Security Council renewed tough Gulf war sanctions this month hecause Bughdad failed to comply fully with demands nn dangerous weapons, the Kuwait news agency said.

Rolf Ekeus was speaking on arrival in Kuwait on Sunday. He is on a tour of Gulf Arab states to brief the region's leaders about Iraqi disarmament, the agency said late Sunday.

Mr. Ekeus said the council had decided on Nov. 8 to maintain sanctions because it considered Baghdad had failed to cooperate fully with ceasefire resolutions passed after the Gulf war requiring the dismantling of weapons of mass destruction.

"It appears all 15 members (of the Security Council) were in agreement - there was no room or space for saying that Iraq has fulfilled its obligations and therefore there were no discussions on easing the sanctions at that stage." Mr. Ekcus was quoted as saving.

hearing oo Monday.

Wearing a black skullcap

Amir told the court that

all of Israel supported the

murder and he was unre-

pentant, and said: "I did

everything on my own.

"No state considered there was enough motivation ro take a step in that direction." In a report to the Security Council last month, Mr. Ekeus said Baghdad had gravely misled his inspectors and had developed far more powerful arms than previously thought.

Some of his new information came from documents Iraq handed over after Lt.-Gen. Hussan defected to Jor-

"There is a consensus in the Security Council that the sanctions cannot be lifted if the special commission is not ready to report to it about reasonable fulfilments of the ohligations under the weapons part of the resolutinns," the Kuwaiti agency quoted Mr. Ekcus as saying.

A Gulf war ccasefire resolution links the oil export emhargo to compliance on weapons while Iraq's adher-

ence to other council demands is tied to embargoes of imports to Iraq.

The United States, echoing Kuwain demands, wants a wider interpretation of the oil embargo terms, saying Iraq must show a pattern of compliance on a range of U.N. demands, including honour ing human rights issues such as the return of hundreds of Kuwaitis believed still held in

In another development Monday, Iraq and Kuwait held talks on the border aimed at tracing people who went missinug during Bagh-dad's 1990-91 occupation of the Gulf state.

The meeting, under the auspices of the International Committee of the Red Cross. would probably last for two days, a U.N. Iraq-Kuwait Observer Mission (UN-IKOM) spokesman said.

The delegations were meeting at UNIKOM's headquarters at the Iraqi border town of Umm Qasr, the spokesman said by telephnne.

Kuwait-based diplomats from Saudi Arabia, the United States. Britain and France also attended the

in 1992 demanded that Libya Lockerbie bombing in which lier information given by Trihand over two intelligence 270 people died. poli about arms and exploofficers accused of the Locksives British intelligence say 'We acknowledge that the erbie diginer bomb and take Libyan readiness to answer Libyan leader Muammar all steps it could to eliminate Qadhafi secretly shipped to our questions is a positive on-weapons. step towards its implementateh IRA in the mid-1980s. tin of the relevant (U.N.) The United States and Bri-The questions were relaved Security Council resolutions. tain have issued arrest warto Libya via the United Narants for the two Libyans in particular towards its reaccused of the bombing. nunciation of terrorism. a The Foreign Office said



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